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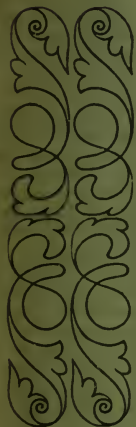
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On the third day of the session the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Conference be authorized to publish the proceedings of the Conference in pamphlet form.
2. *Resolved*, That the Secretary edit all the reports made to the Conference.
3. *Resolved*, That the printed copy of the Journal of the Liberia Annual Conference be, and is hereby made the Official Journal of said Conference.

W. T. HAGAN, President,
C. ALEX. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Harper, Cape Palmas, February 13, 1903.

President,

Rev. William T. Hagan, D.D.

Secretary,

Rev. C. Alexander Lincoln.

Assistant Secretary,

Rev. Ashford L. Sims.

Statistical Secretary,

John A. Simpson.

Assistant Statistical Secretaries,

U. S. Ware, E. R. Gravelly, J. M. Perkins.

Treasurer,

William P. Kennedy.

Assistant Treasurer,

James B. Robertson.

Standing Committees for 1903.

On Public Worship.—J. A. Faust, B. K. McKeever, J. C. Sherrill.

On Missions.—The Presiding Elders, A. P. Camphor.

On Temperance.—H. H. Evans, U. S. Ware, J. B. Robertson.

On District Conference Minutes.—H. H. Evans, E. R. Gravelly, W. H. Carter, P. E. Walker.

On Education and Conference Seminars.—The Presiding Elders, A. P. Camphor, W. P. Kennedy, J. A. Faust, J. A. Simpson.

On Fraternal Relations.—W. P. Kennedy, B. K. McKeever, J. A. Simpson, W. H. Carter.

On Epworth League.—J. A. Faust, J. A. Simpson, A. L. Sims.

On Twentieth Century Thank Offering.—J. C. Sherrill, W. P. Kennedy, J. B. Robertson, H. H. Evans, W. H. Carter.

On Sunday Schools.—J. A. Simpson, W. H. Carter, U. S. Ware, E. R. Gravelly, P. T. Barker.

On Printing Conference Minutes.—A. P. Camphor, I. N. Holder, and the Secretaries.

On Conference Relations.—The Presiding Elders, W. P. Kennedy.

On Auditing Presiding Elders' Accounts.—A. L. Sims, W. H. Carter, U. S. Ware.

On Complimentary Resolutions.--J. C. Sherrill, C. A. Lincoln, W. P. Kennedy, J. A. Simpson.

Conference Board of Examiners.

B. K. McKeever, *President*; A. P. Camphor, *Registrar*; J. A. Simpson, J. A. Faust, W. P. Kennedy, J. C. Sherrill, with the Presiding Elders.

To Preach Special Sermons for 1904.

Introductory.—A. L. Sims, Reserve, W. H. Carter.

On Missions.—E. R. Gravelly, Reserve, U. S. Ware.

On Education.—J. A. Faust, Reserve, J. A. Simpson.

On Sunday Schools.—W. F. Hawkins, Reserve, C. A. Lincoln.

Roll of Members, Probationers, Ministerial Supplies, and Lay Assistants in Liberia.

Full Members.

William P. Kennedy, William T. Hagan, Gabriel W. Parker, Francis C. Holder-ness, Riden Boyce, Charles B. McLain, Prince E. Walker, Joseph E. Clarke, Isaac N. Holder, James B. Robertson, Benjamin K. McKeever, John J. Powell, Harrington H. Evans, Alexander P. Camphor, Cornelius A. Lincoln, Ashford L. Sims, Joseph C. Sherrill, William H. Carter, John A. Simpson, James A. Faust, Edward B. Mitchel, Philip S. Barker, John D. Stryker, Thomas J. King, John Harrow, William G. Smart, Ulma L. Walker, Ulysses S. Ware, Eugene R. Gravelly, John M. Perkins, James M. Gross.—31.

Probationers.

Nicholas B. Whitfield, Lee Anderson, Walter F. Hawkins, Joseph H. Davis, Rich-
eplin V. Richards, Thomas M. Hill, John H. Porter, Samuel E. L. Payne.—8

Ministerial Supplies.

Alfred Morgan, Andrew Snorton, Howard L. Porterfield, James T. Williams,
Thomas H. Clarke, Samuel D. Richards, R. Miller, Robert H. Kennedy, Alexander
Tubman, Corinthus E. Gibson, Zechariah R. Kennedy, Phillip Harris, Zechariah B.
Roberts.—13

Lay Teachers and Assistants.

Joseph A. Davis, Mrs. H. A. M. Crawford, M. A. R. Camphor, Mrs. A. E. Adams,
Mrs. Amanda Faust, J. B. McGill, Mrs. L. A. Page, Mrs. J. A. Davis, Mrs. M. J. Dep-
utie, Mrs. F. A. M. McGill, Mrs. E. E. Powell, A. M. Harris, Mrs. A. E. Hagan,
Mrs. M. A. L. Ragland, Mrs. E. R. Gravelly, Mrs. Isabella Thurman, Mrs. Fredaica
Robertson, Mrs. M. C. Simpson, Mrs. F. B. Ashton, T. A. Rose, Dounce W. Her-
mon, D. F. Johnson, J. B. Gray, Wesley Fisk, Jasper Grant, Glasgow Grant, John
Boye, John Auer, Mrs. E. F. Russ, G. B. Grando, Nimly Taylor, Pano Stacy, E. W.
N. Valentine, Miss Jesse Arms, J. T. Dayrell, Geogre Stevens, E. A. Bedell, Miss
Miinnie Willhorte, David N. Baker.—40

Missionaries on Furlough in America.

Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Allen.—4.

Summary.

Full members—31; Probationers—8; Ministerial Supplies—13; Lay Teachers and
Assistants—40; Missionaries on furlough—4. Total—96.

Disciplinary Questions.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?*

Ans. None.

2. *Who have been Re-admitted?*

Ans. None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

Ans. None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(a) In Studies of the First Year. Ans. Joseph H. Davis, Richenlin V. Richards, Thomas M. Hill, John H. Porter, Samuel E. S. Payne.

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(a) In Studies of the First Year.

Ans. Nicholas B. Whitfield, Lee Anderson.

(b) In Studies of the Second Year. Walter F. Hawkins.

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*

Ans. Charles A. Minor.

7. *Who have been Admitted to Full Membership?*

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.

Ans. None.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.—Ulysses L. Ware, Eugene R. Gravelly, John M. Perkins, James M. Gross.

8. *What Members are in Studies of the Third Year?*

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.

Ans. Ulysses S. Ware, Eugene R. Gravelly, John M. Perkins, James M. Gross.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.

Philip T. Parker, E. B. Mitchel, T. J. King, J. D. Stryker.

9. *What Members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?*

Ans. John L. Harrow.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

Ans. None.

11. *What others have been Ordained and Elected Deacons?*

(a) As Local Preachers.

Ans. None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule.

Ans. None.

12. *What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) As Local Deacons.

Ans. None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule.

Ans. None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher examined?*

Ans. This was carefully attended to as the names of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

14. *Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?*

Ans. None.

15. *Who have died?*

Ans. None.

16. *Who have been Located at their own Request?*

Ans. None.

17. *Who have been Lacated?*

Ans. None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

Ans. None.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

Ans. None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

Ans. None.

21. *What other personal Notations should be made?*

Ans. None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

Ans. None.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Ans. C. P. McLain, Gabriel W. Parker.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

Ans. None.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this year?*

Ans. See Statistical Report.

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

Not Answered.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

Not Answered.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

Ans. See Conference Claimants Fund.

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

Ans. See Appointments for 1903.

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*

Ans. Monrovia.

Appointments for 1903.

(ALL POST OFFICE ADDRESSES ARE IN LIBERIA UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.)

* A star indicates not members of the Annual Conference.

Monrovia and Bassa Districts.

W. T. HAGAN, Presiding Elder.

(P. O. Monrovia, Liberia.)

Central Buchanan—To be supplied,
J. H. Porter, Mrs. M. A. Ragland,*
teacher.

College of West Africa—A. P. Cam-
phor, President; Mrs. A. P. Cam-
phor,* Preceptress; W. F. Hawkins,
Professor of Greek and Latin; Miss
Ella B. Dowell,* teacher; Miss Ida
M. Sharp,* Music teacher; Miss Em-
ma W. Payne,* asst. teacher.

DeCoursey Mission—To be supplied.

Edina—E. B. Mitchel, Mrs. L. A.
Page,* teacher.

Fortsville and Fortsville Mission—U.
S. Ware, Pastor and teacher.

Farmington—Supplied by J. T. Wil-
liams.*

Hartford and Bexley—Lee Anderson
and T. M. Hill.*

Johnsonville and Barnesville—W. F.
Hawkins, T. A. Rose,* teacher.

Lower Buchanan—N. B. Whitfield, J.
H. Porter,* teacher.

Marshall—To be supplied.

Mt. Olive and Powellville—J. J. Pow-
ell; J. D. Stryker, asst.; Mrs. E. E.
Powell,* teacher; Mrs. M. J. Depu-
ty,* Phillip Harris,* interpreter.

Monrovia:

First Church—J. C. Sherrill

Kroo Mission---D. W. Hermon* and
Nimley Taylor.*

New Georgia---To be supplied.

Paynesville---To be supplied.

Paynesbury---Thos. J. King.

St. Paul River Industrial School---J.
C. Sherrill, Principal; J. B. McGill,*
Supt. Mechanical Department; Mrs.
J. B. McGill,* Evangelist; E. R.
Gravelly, Pastor and teacher; Mrs.
E. R. Gravelly,* assistant teacher.

Upper Buchanan---Wm. P. Kennedy.

Sinoe and Cape Palmas Districts.

Presiding Elder---To be supplied.

Blue Barrow---To be supplied.

Bluntsville---S. R. Miller.*

Greenville---J. A. Simpson, Mrs. J. A.
Simpson,* teacher.

Fishtown---Z. B. Roberts,* Mrs. E. F.
Russ,* teacher.

Lexington---To be supplied by C. A.
Minor.*

Lousiana --P. E. Walker.

Settra Kroo---To be supplied.

Sinoe River Industrial Mission---J. B.
Robertson, Mrs. Fredrica Robertson.*

Niffoo---Pano Stacy.*

Barraka and Wissika Mission---J. M.
Perkins, Mrs. Jessie Perkins,* Miss
Minnie Wilhoit,* Jasper Grant* and
John Stark.*

Beabo---To be supplied.

Bigtown and Plukey---H. H. Evans,
Mrs. F. B. Ashton.*

Cape Palmas:

Mt. Scott Church, Cavalla, and Rock-
town---J. A. Faust, E. W. N. Valen-
tine,* C. E. Gibson,* Wm. Asbury
Harmon,* and Edward A. Bedell.*

Werbbu Station---David Baker,* Na-
tive Supply.

High School---J. A. Faust, Principal;
Joseph T. Dayrell,* and Mrs. J. A.
Faust.*

Grand Sess---George B. Grando.

Garraway and two out-stations---J. L.
M. Harrow, and one native helper.

Piquinnine Sess---To be supplied.

Third Town---To be supplied.

Tubmantown---A. Tubman,* G. B.
Gray,* D. F. Johnson,* and George
Stevenson,* teachers.

St. Paul River District.

I. N. HOLDER, Presiding Elder.

(P. O. Monrovia, Liberia.)

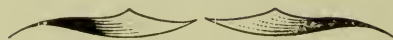
Bensonville --R. Boyce, pastor.
 Brewerville--F. C. Holderness, asst.
 J. H. Davis.*
 Caldwell--W. H. Carter, pastor, C. R.
 Clarke,* teacher.
 Crawford Mission--H. A. M. Crawford.*
 Clay-Ashland --C. A. Lincoln, pastor
 and teacher; R. V. Richards,* asst.
 Careysburg and New-Land--J. E.
 Clarke,* Mrs. A. E. Hagan,* teacher.
 Crozierville---A. L. Sims, pastor and
 teacher.
 Harrisburg--J. M. Gross, pastor; A.
 M. Harris,* teacher.
 Millsburg---F. T. Barker, pastor.

Pesseh and Brown Station---I. N. Hol-
 der, H. L. Porterfield*
 Robertsport and Tallah---B. K. McKe-
 ver.
 Robertsville---T. H. Clarke.*
 Sasstown---A. Snorton,* S. E. S.
 Payne,*asst.
 Virginia---S. D. Richards*.

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH.

U. L. Walker and wife,* F. M. Allen*
 and wife,* Miss Jessie Hunt,* J. A. Da-
 vis* and wife,* J. C. Sherrill and wife,*
 Miss McAllister* was transferred to East
 Central Africa Mission Conference.

W. T. HAGAN,
 President.



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DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

First Day's Session, Wednesday, February 11, 1903.

The Liberia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in its seventieth session in the Mount Scott Methodist Episcopal Church at Harper, Cape Palmas, Maryland County, Wednesday, February 11, 1903. Rev. William T. Hagan, D.D., Presiding Elder of the Bassa and Monrovia Districts, by appointment of the Missionary Bishop in charge, presiding.

Opening
Services.

At the hour of 10 a. m. the President of the Conference announced and read as the Scripture lesson a portion of the eighty-ninth Psalm, lined hymn 798 which was sung, and John A. Simpson lead in prayer. Hymn 799 was sung, and I. N. Holder, Presiding Elder of the St. Paul River District, offered prayer.

Religious
Exercises.

The Secretary of the last Conference, C. A. Lincoln, called the roll when 16 full members, 3 probationers, 2 ministerial supplies and 11 lay teachers and assistants responded to their names as follows:—

Roll Called.

FULL MEMBERS:—William P. Kennedy, William T. Hagan, Prince E. Walker, Isaac N. Holder, James B. Robertson, Benjamin K. McKeever, Harrington H. Evans, Alexander P. Camphor, Cornelius A. Lincoln, Ashford L. Sims, Joseph C. Sherrill, William H. Carter, John A. Simpson, James A. Faust, and Philip T. Barker—16.

PROBATIONERS:—Ulyses S. Ware, Eugene R. Gravelly and John M. Perkins—3.

LAY TEACHERS and ASSISTANTS:—Mrs. Amanda Faust (alias Davis), Mrs. F. A. M. McGill, Mrs. M. A. S. Ragland, Mrs. Fredrica Robertson, Mrs. M. C. Simpson, Mrs. Florida B. Ashton, Dounce W. Hermon, David F. Johnson, James B. Gray, Edward W. N. Valentine and Joseph T. Dayrell—11.

The following letter from Bishop Joseph C. Hartzell, D.D., LL.D., was read to the Conference by the Secretary, to wit:—

Bishop's Letter
Read.

150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U. S. A.,
Dec. 19, 1902.

Rev. W. T. Hagan,
Rev. I. N. Holder,
Rev. B. K. McKeever,

Presiding Elders of the Liberia Conference,

My Dear Brethren:—In the judgment of the missionary authorities and others especially interested in Africa, it is thought best for

me to remain in America for a few weeks longer, to represent our Missionary work in your Conference, and to secure more workers and funds. This is in accordance with my own judgement. And you will be glad to know that the interest in our work in Africa is steadily increasing.

Brother Hagan is hereby appointed to act as President of the Conference. I have made a careful distribution of the money, and send full memoranda to Dr. Camphor, to whom the Missionary Society has sent the drafts, and also to each Presiding Elder for his immediate District work, and to the Heads of the Schools and leading native Stations. This will greatly facilitate the planning of the work of the Conference.

There has been some increase in the appropriation for 1903 over the present year. This enables us for the first time to take proper care of our principal native Stations in the Cape Palmas District; to send out some more reinforcements, and to provide a few hundred dollars in helping Church enterprises.

I have been greatly pleased with the general tone of letters which have come to me about the work during the year.

The Conference has a great work before it; but each individual member and worker must live near to God and seek His direction if there are to be right results.

Miss. Agnes McAllister will not return to Liberia, but will go to the East Coast. This was done after full consultation with her physician and others.

The Conference will be glad to know that our work in Angola, at the Madeira Islands, (on the West Coast), and at Inhambane, and in Rhodesia, (on the East Coast) prospers in every department.

Praying the divine blessing upon the Conference, and upon each member during its session, I am

Sincerely and faithfully,

Your Brother,

J. C. HARTZELL.

NOTE. I suggest that Bro. Hagan call the Conference to order, and that then this letter be read.

Election of
Secretary.

On motion of H. H. Evans, C. A. Lincoln was elected Conference Secretary, with the privilege to nominate his Assistant.

A. L. Sims.

A. L. Sims was nominated, and on motion of I. N. Holder, he was elected Assistant Secretary.

Statistical
Secretary
Elected.

On motion of B. K. McKeever, John A. Simpson was elected Statistical Secretary with the privilege of nominating his Assistants.

U. S. Ware, E.
R. Gravelly, J.
M. Perkins,
Treasurer.

U. S. Ware, E. R. Gravelly and J. M. Perkins were elected Assistant Statistical Secretaries.

On motion of I. N. Holder, W. P. Kennedy was elected

Conference Treasurer with the privilege of nominating an Assistant.

J. B. Robertson was named, and on motion of I. N. Holder, he was elected Assistant Conference Treasurer. J. B. Robertson.

On motion of B. K. McKeever, the hours of the business session were fixed from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Hours of Business.

On motion of I. N. Holder, the third pew from the altar was fixed as the Bar of the Conference. Bar of Conference.

On motion of I. N. Holder, all visiting ministers and missionaries from other churches that are in fraternal relation with the Methodist Episcopal Church be invited to seats within the Bar of the Conference. Visiting Ministers etc.

W. T. Hagan addressed the Conference relative to the weighty responsibility placed upon him by the Bishop, to preside over the Conference as President, and closed with a most earnest appeal to the Conference for its co-operation with him in the discharge of the business to be attended to during the sessions. Address of the President.

Rev. William A. Warner, an Independent Missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, laboring in Africa, was by B. K. McKeever introduced to the President and Conference. W. A. Warner.

The following list of Standing Committees for 1903 was read by the Secretary, and on motion of I. N. Holder, approved:— List of Standing Committees Read and Approved.

On Public Worship—J. A. Faust, B. K. McKeever, J. C. Sherrill.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders, A. P. Camphor.

On Temperance—H. H. Evans, U. S. Ware, J. B. Robertson.

On District Conference Minutes—H. H. Evans, E. R. Gravelly, W. H. Carter, P. E. Walker.

On Education and Conference Seminaries—The Presiding Elders, A. P. Camphor, W. P. Kennedy, J. A. Faust, J. A. Simpson.

On Fraternal Relations—W. P. Kennedy, B. K. McKeever, J. A. Simpson, W. H. Carter.

On Epworth League—J. A. Faust, J. A. Simpson, A. L. Sims.

On Twentieth Century Thank Offering—J. C. Sherrill,

W. P. Kennedy, B. K. McKeever, J. B. Robertson, H. H. Evans, W. H. Carter.

On Sunday Schools—J. A. Simpson, W. H. Carter, U. S. Ware, E. R. Gravelly, P. T. Barker.

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Conference Board of Examiners—B. K. McKeever, President; A. P. Camphor, Registrar; W. P. Kennedy, J. C. Sherrill, J. A. Simpson, J. A. Faust and the Presiding Elders.

TO PREACH SPECIAL SERMONS for 1904:—

Introductory Sermon—A. L. Sims; Reserve, W. H. Carter.

On Missions—E. R. Gravelly; Reserve, U. S. Ware.

On Education—J. A. Faust; Reserve, J. A. Simpson.

On Sunday Schools—W. F. Hawkins; Reserve, C. A. Lincoln.

Invitation, etc.

The following invitation from the Rector and Vestry of St. Marks Church was read by the Secretary, and on motion of B. K. McKeever, was received.

The Rector and Vestry of St. Mark's Church extend their compliments to the President and Members of "The Liberia Annual Conference," (in session,) and most respectfully invite them to a Reception this afternoon at 3:30, at St. Mark's Church; given in honor of the Bishop and Members of the "General Convocation" of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Liberia.

JAMES J. DOSSEN,
Secretary.

City, Wednesday,
Feb. 11, 1903.

F. A. Bedell.

Mr. F. A. Bedell, native worker at Rock Town, formerly of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was introduced to the President and Conference by B. K. McKeever.

Miss Minnie
Willhoit.

Miss Minnie Willhoit, a missionary lately from the United States of America, was also introduced to the President and Conference by B. K. McKeever. The names of

Mr. E. A. Bedell and Miss Minnie Willhorte were inserted in the Conference Roll as Lay Teachers and Assistants.

John Harrow, recently from the United States of America on a furlough, was introduced by B. K. McKeever to the President and Conference. Bro. Harrow made a most impressive address to the Conference.

Returned
Missionaries In-
troduced.

A. P. Camphor, whose furlough ended during the last Conference year, was introduced also as a returned missionary from America. He addressed the Conference with great feelings of interest.

A. P. Camphor.

W. P. Kennedy offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolution
Adopted.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered Dr. Camphor by Dr. Hagan, the President, in behalf of the Conference for the interest manifested in behalf of the work in Liberia while in America.

W. P. KENNEDY.

Question First was taken up.

Disciplinary
Questions Taken
Up.

Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?

Answer. None.

Question Second was taken up.

Who have been Re-admitted?

Answer. None.

Question Third was taken up.

Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Conference?

Answer. None.

The Committee on Devotion announced that J. M. Gross preach tonight and J. H. Davis preach tomorrow at 6:30 a. m. They are candidates for reception on trial in the Conference from the St. Paul River District.

Announcement.

On motion of W. P. Kennedy, Conference adjourned till 8 a. m. tomorrow.

Doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by W. P. Kennedy.

Conference stands adjourned.

Adjournment.

Second Day's Session, Thursday, February 12, 1903.

- Opening Exercises. Conference met today pursuant to adjournment, W. T. Hagan presiding. W. P. Kennedy conducted the religious services.
- Roll Called. The Secretary called the roll of Conference members and probationers.
- Minutes Read and Approved. The minutes of yesterday's session were read, and on motion of I. N. Holder, approved with corrections.
- Question Thirteenth taken up. Question Thirteenth was taken up.
Was the Character of each Preacher examined?
- W. T. Hagan. The name of W. T. Hagan was called, and on motion of I. N. Holder, his character passed and his report was read as Presiding Elder of the Bassa and Monrovia District for the Conference year just closing.
- J. C. Sherrill. The name of J. C. Sherrill was called, and on motion of B. K. McKeever, his character passed and he reported his work as pastor of the Monrovia charge.
- W. P. Kennedy. The name of W. P. Kennedy was called, and on motion of I. N. Holder, his character passed and his work reported as pastor of Upper Buchanan charge.
- A. P. Camphor. The name of A. P. Camphor was called, and on motion of I. N. Holder, his character passed, and he read his report as President of the College of West Africa.
- Recess. On motion of J. A. Faust Conference took a recess for ten minutes.
- Session Resumed. After the expiration of ten minutes Conference resumed business.
- W. F. Hawkins. The name of W. F. Hawkins was called, and on motion of I. N. Holder, his character passed. Being absent on account of sickness his report was read by the Secretary.
- J. J. Powell. The name of J. J. Powell was called, and on motion of I. N. Holder, his character passed.
- J. D. Stryker. The names of J. D. Stryker and E. B. Mitchel were called, and on motion of B. K. McKeever, their characters passed.
- B. K. McKeever. The name of B. K. McKeever was called, and on motion of I. N. Holder, his character passed and his report was read as Presiding Elder for the Cape Palmas and Sinoe District for the year just closing.
- Letters from the General Convocation. A letter of Christian greetings coming from the General Convocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church was read, and on motion of W. H. Carter, referred to the Committee

on Fraternal relations. The following is the letter and the reply:

LETTERS OF GREETING.

General Convocation of the Missionary
Jurisdiction of Cape Palmas, etc.

Harper, Cape Palmas,

Feb. 12th, 1903.

To the Liberian Annual Conference now assembled in Cape Palmas.

Dear Brethren:—In the providence of God you are brought together again in your Conference capacity, and your session convenes the same day and place as our General Convocation.

This may be regretted somewhat, but the great Head of the Church directs and controls all things, so that it may be for the best for all concerned, for are we not all engaged in the great work of spreading the Gospel of Christ in this land?

Two Christian bodies meeting and working simultaneously at the same place may have as we trust a lasting effect.

The commission of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature is as strong and binding now as it was when given to the Apostles of old. It is indeed a great task, but the promise, "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world," gives comfort and consolation.

We beg therefore to forward you these lines of Christian greetings. May your Conference have the blessings of God on it. May the Holy Spirit direct you in all your deliberations as in the councils of the blessed Apostles.

May you be built up in His most holy faith that each of you will return to your several fields of labor as giants refreshed with new wine, battling for the Lord and His cause, and may we both leave a blessing behind us.

Yours in the bond of Christian affection,

Attest,

S. D. FERGUSON, Pres.,

R. S. COOPER, Sec.

G. STANLEY PADMORE,

W. C. CUMMING,

JOS. F. DUNBAR,

Committee.

REPLY.

The Liberian Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,
Harper, Cape Palmas,

Feb. 13, 1903.

To the General Convocation of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Cape Palmas, etc.

Dear Brethren:—Your communication of yesterday, bearing to our body sentiments of Christian love and greeting, is most cordially

received. We heartily reciprocate the good wishes you express and wish for you in the present session the largest measure of grace and heavenly benediction.

The meeting of your Convocation and our Conference in this city at the same time does seem providential, and as Christians who believe in overruling Providence, who orders and controls all our ways, and who shapes our destiny, we can but feel that God is in it. May we not all hope and pray that our fellowship with our common Head in our respective assemblies be such as ere we separate from this place that purpose whatever it is may be manifestly revealed and gloriously realized?

How great is the work that confronts us as Christians in this land of moral and spiritual darkness! How tremendous are the forces of evil and how mighty the conflict between Christianity and paganism.

May God graciously pour upon us all here assembled the spirit of wisdom and power and of Christlike love and sympathy.

Yours in His name and for the redemption of Africa,
W. P. KENNEDY, Chairman,
B. K. McKEEVER,
J. A. SIMPSON,
W. H. CARTER,
Committee.

Invitation.

An invitation from the Rector and Vestry of St. James Parish was read soliciting the presence of the Conference to an Anniversary of their Sunday Schools at Hoffman Station on the 18th ensuing. On motion of P. E. Walker the invitation was most cordially accepted.

P. E. Walker.

The name of P. E. Walker was called, and on motion of J. C. Sherrill, his character passed and his report was read as pastor of Louisiana.

J. B. Robertson.

The name of J. B. Robertson was called, and on motion of I. N. Holder, his character passed, and he read his report as missionary in charge of the Sinoe River Industrial Mission.

J. A. Simpson.

The name of J. A. Simpson was called, and on motion of I. N. Holder, his character passed. He read a statistical report. On motion of J. C. Sherrill, J. A. Simpson was required by the President of the Conference to present a written report of his pastoral labors at Greenville, Sinoe.

Suspension of Rule.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, on motion of B. K. McKeever, the rule was suspended and Conference continued in session.

J. A. Faust

The name of J. A. Faust was called, and on motion of

I. N. Holder, his character passed and he read his report as pastor of Mt. Scott charge.

The name of John Harrow was called. The committee John Harrow, reported that he passed a satisfactory examination, having an average of 75 per cent. He also has all the books laid down in the Third Year's Course of studies. On motion of B. K. McKeever, his character passed and was transferred to the Fourth Year's Course of studies.

The name of J. M. Perkins was called. The Committee J. M. Perkins. on Examination reported that he has all the books laid down in the Second Year's Course of studies, and had passed a favorable examination with an average of 75 per cent. On motion of B. K. McKeever his character passed and he was received as a full member of the Conference and transferred to the Third Year's Course of studies.

The name of U. S. Ware was called. The Committee U. S. Ware. on Examination reported that he has all the books in the First Year's Course except two, and all in the Second Year's Course; that he passed a successful examination in each year's course of studies, which resulted with the following averages:—76 per cent in the First Year's Course and 75 per cent in the Second Year's Course. On motion of I. N. Holder, his character passed, and that he be received into full membership in the Conference and transferred to the Third Year's Course of studies; and further, that he get the two books needed in the First Year's Course and pass the required examination in them before his Presiding Elder during the present year.

The name of E. R. Gravelly was called. Being a regular graduate of one of our Theological Seminaries, he was credited accordingly in the examination by the Committee with an average of 90 per cent. On motion of J. A. Faust, his character passed and that he be received as a full member in the Conference and transferred to the Third Year's Course of studies. E. R. Gravelly.

U. S. Ware, E. R. Gravelly and J. M. Perkins were called before the Conference; and after giving satisfactory responses to the Disciplinary Questions, and after promising to file the required certificates with the Secretary as per paragraph 146 of Discipline for 1900, they were duly received into full membership in the Liberia Annual Conference. Reception in Full Membership.

- Present.** The Secretary announced that Mrs. F. B. Ashton has made a gift to the Conference of parcel containing stationery for the business of the session. On motion of I. N. Hold, the Conference accepted of this gift by a rising vote.
- Adjournment.** On motion of J. A. Faust, Conference adjourned to meet tomorrow at 10:00 a. m.
- Announcements** Committee on Public Worship announced that W. H. Carter preach tonight at 7 o'clock, J. M. Perkins preach tomorrow 7 a. m.
- Order of the Day.** The hour of 12 noon tomorrow is fixed as the "Order of the Day" to hear the sermon on Education to be preached by A. P. Camphor.
- Doxology.** Long metre doxology was sung and J. B. Robertson pronounced the benediction.
- Conference stands adjourned till 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Third Day's Session, Friday, February 13, 1903.

Conference met today pursuant to adjournment, W. T. Hagan presiding. J. B. Robertson conducted the religious service.

Conference roll was called.

The minutes of yesterday were read, and on motion of W. P. Kennedy, approved.

**Committee on
Fraternal
Relations.**

The Committee on Fraternal Relations, through its chairman, W. P. Kennedy, stated that it had finished the work given it, to wit:—To reply to the letter of greetings that came from the General Convocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church on yesterday. On motion of W. P. Kennedy, J. A. Faust and I. J. Jenkins, a layman of the Upper Buchanan Charge, were appointed to bear the letter of Christian greeting to the General Convocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church from the Liberia Annual Conference now in session.

D. N. Baker.

A letter from one D. N. Baker was read by the Secretary as follows:

Harper, City, Feb. 12th, 1903.

Rev. Fathers and Brethren of the Liberia Annual Conference:—I am a stranger to your honorable body but not a stranger to your Church; having been employed by the late Hon. J. W. Ashton as a missionary worker and teacher in a heathen town called Webbo for

about two and one half years. I have been doing the best I could in teaching the little children and also preaching every Sunday to the people. After the death of Hon. Ashton, I, with my own free will, left the Protestant Church and joined the Methodist Church. Then Mrs. Ashton saw fit to employ me still in the same work. Now I am desirous of becoming a teacher amenable to the Annual Conference. I am therefore at your leisure and disposal.

Trusting I may be accepted,

Yours respectfully,

DAVID N. BAKER.

B. K. McKeever stated to the Conference that the late Hon. J. W. Ashton, during his natural lifetime, had by his own will opened this mission and expressed a desire to have the work put in the sole charge of a Methodist native worker. B. K. McKeever.

John Harrow confirmed the statement made by B. K. McKeever as having been told by the late J. W. Ashton to him. John Harrow.

Mrs. Ashton, the widow, assured the Conference that provisions were made in the last will of her deceased husband to support this work independent of the mission, urging the Conference to accept the field, stating that she would continue to support the work as long as she could. F. B. Ashton.

On motion of B. K. McKeever, Little Webbo Mission was received by this Conference and recognized as a regular Methodist Episcopal Conference appointment, and that the name of David N. Baker be enrolled as a Lay Teacher of the same. Little Webbo Mission.

The following resolutions were by J. C. Sherrill offered and adopted by the Conference, to wit:— Resolutions.

WHEREAS, the Trustees of Liberia College have honored that institution---Liberian Methodism,--and the Republic, by conferring the degree of D. D. on the Rev. William T. Hagan, Presiding Elder of the Monrovia and Bassa Districts, in recognition of his long and very valuable service to both his church and country; and,

WHEREAS, because of his devotion, high moral character, piety and standing in both his church and country, as well as his deep and ripe experience, which has protected and guided our Liberian Methodism for many years, therefore be it

Resolved, that this Conference express its approval, appreciation, and high congratulation to the Board of Trustees of the Liberia College for their very timely honor, feeling that the bearer is fully worthy of this honor; hence it has made no mistake in this act. May God bless him, and may he live yet many years to pilot the

said ship of Liberian Methodism through the rocks and shoals into the open sea.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Executive Board of the Liberia College.

J. A. FAUST,
J. C. SHERRILL.

Question Thirteen resumed.

H. H. Evans. The name of H. H. Evans was called, and on motion of B. K. McKeever, his character passed and he read his report as pastor of Big Town station.

Tubman Town Charge. Alexander Tubman, Sr., Ministerial Supply, read his report as pastor of Mt. Tubman charge.

I. N. Holder. The name of I. N. Holder was called, and on motion of C. A. Lincoln, his character passed and he read his report for the year as Presiding Elder of St. Paul River District.

Return of Committee. J. A. Faust announced that the Committee appointed to convey the letter of Christian greetings to the General Convocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church had done so. He also stated that the letter had been cordially received by the Bishop and Convocation.

Ten Minutes' Recess. On motion of J. A. Faust, Conference took recess for ten minutes.

Recess having expired, Conference resumed business and the order of the day was taken up to hear the sermon on Education.

Hymn 1094 was sung, and W. H. Carter led in prayer. The 28th chapter of Job and the 1st chapter of 2 Timothy were read as the lessons by A. P. Camphor. Hymn 566 was sung.

Rule Suspended On motion of B. K. McKeever, rule was suspended and Conference continued in session. A. P. Camphor announced as his text Prov. 14. 34. Hymn 535 was sung.

Resolution. J. A. Faust offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, that we have heard with both pleasure and profit the sermon on Education by A. P. Camphor, and that he be asked to publish same in the *New Africa*.

J. A. FAUST.

C. A. Lincoln. The name of C. A. Lincoln was called, and on motion of I. N. Holder, his character passed and he read his report as pastor and teacher of Clay-Ashland Charge.

The name of W. H. Carter was called, and on motion of

I. N. Holder, his character passed and he read his report as pastor of the Caldwell Charge.

The name of A. L. Sims was called, and on motion of I. N. Holder, his character passed, and he read his report as pastor and teacher of Crozierville Charge. A. L. Sims.

The name of F. C. Holderness was called, and on motion of I. N. Holder, his character passed. Being absent his Presiding Elder read his report. F. C. Holderness

The name of J. E. Clarke was called, and on motion of I. N. Holder, his character passed. Being absent his Presiding Elder read his report as pastor of Careysburg. J. E. Clarke.

The name of R. Boyce was called, and on motion of I. N. Holder, his character passed. Being an assistant the pastor had reported his work. Riden Boyce.

The names of C. B. McClain and G. W. Parker were called, and on motion of I. N. Holder, their characters passed, and their relation to the Conference was sustained as superannuated preachers. C. B. McClain
and G. W.
Parker.

The following note from G. W. Parker was read by the Secretary, to wit:—

To the President and Members of the Liberia Annual Conference.

My dear Brethren: Owing to the infirmities of old age together with impaired health, your humble servant cannot be with you this time.

During the Conference year just closing, I have been able to preach three times and associated in preaching the funeral of sister Martha A. Wright, of White Plains. Praying for the outpouring of God's blessings upon you all, I remain

G. W. PARKER, SR.
Superannuated Minister St. Paul River Dis-
trict Liberia Annual Conference.

The name of P. T. Barker was called. The Committee on Examination reported that he has all the books laid down in the Second Year's Course of studies, and that he passed a successful examination with an average of 75 per cent. On motion of I. N. Holder, his character passed, and he read his report as pastor of Bensonville Charge, and was transferred to the Third Year's Course of studies. P. T. Barker.

The Presiding Elder read the reports of I. N. Clarke, of Virginia, S. D. Richards, of Millsburg and H. L. Porterfield, of Harrisburg, they being ministerial supplies. Ministerial
Supplies.

- A. Snorton. Andrew Snorton's report was read as pastor of Sasstown Charge. He is a Ministerial Supply.
- E. R. Gravelly. The name of E. R. Gravelly was again called. His character having already passed, he read his report as pastor and teacher of the St. Paul River Industrial Mission.
- Letters from America. There were three letters presented and read. (1) From the Treasurer of the Episcopal Funds. (2) From the Committee on General Conference Entertainment for 1904. (3) Instructions from Bishop Hartzell relative to the above letters.
- A. P. Camphor. A. P. Camphor was appointed to collect the sum of \$24.95 being the subscriptions due from last year's minutes.
- J. C. Sherrill. J. C. Sherrill was appointed Treasurer to receive all monies for printing minutes for 1898.
- Announcements. The Committee on Public Worship made the following announcement: Preaching tonight at 7 o'clock by E. R. Gravelly. Preaching tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock by J. B. Robertson.
- Tomorrow morning is fixed as the time to receive reports from the lay teachers and assistants immediately after the usual opening exercises.
- Doxology. The long metre doxology was sung and I. N. Holder
Benediction. pronounced the benediction.
- Conference stands adjourned.

Fourth Day's Session, Saturday, February 14, 1903.

- Opening Exercises. Conference met pursuant to adjournment, W. T. Hagan presiding. A. L. Sims conducted the opening religious exercises.
- A. L. Sims.
- Roll. Roll was called.
- Minutes of yesterday were read, and on motion of A. L. Sims, approved.
- Report of Statistics. J. A. Simpson read his report as Statistical Secretary.
- Official Journal. On the fourth day of the session the following resolutions were adopted:
- Resolved*, that the Secretary of the Conference be authorized to publish the proceedings of the Conference in pamphlet form.
- Resolved*, that the Secretary edit all reports made to the Conference.
- Resolved*, that the printed copy of the Journal of the Liberia An-

nual Conference be, and is hereby made, the Official Journal of said Conference.

W. T. HAGAN, President,
C. ALEXANDER LINCOLN, Secretary.

Harper, Cape Palmas,
Feb. 14, 1903.

On motion of A. L. Sims, the foregoing resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Fifteen minutes were allowed A. P. Camphor to present the cause of the *New Africa* to the Conference and audience. His speech was indeed terse, instructive and royal. *New Africa.*

After speech making, a long list of subscribers to the paper was enrolled.

The following letter from C. A. Minor was read, to wit:

C. A. Minor.

Greenville, Sinoe, Liberia,
January 14, 1903.

To the Bishop and members of the Annual Conference.

Dear Father and Brethren: It is much to my regret that I am unable to meet with you, though I had hope and prayed to so do but uncontrollable circumstances in life cause me to pursue and make other arrangement which binds me continually at home. I am not unmindful of my relation and duty to the Conference, and am sorry that I have not been able to comply with its demands, and whereas you have borne so heartily with me, and allowed me to enjoy your fellowship, and kindness, I cannot request further indulgence except to be allowed to return to the local ranks of the Church. Receive my thanks for your patience and loving kindness, and brotherly spirit manifested towards me. With heart and hand I am willing and ready to stand by the Master's cause, and advocate our beloved Methodism as an humble helper of the cause.

Yours for Christ and Methodism,

CHAS. A. MINOR.

On motion of B. K. McKeever, C. A. Minor's character passed.

The name of Lee Anderson was called, and on motion of J. C. Sherrill, his character passed. Being absent his report was read by the Secretary, and he was continued in the First Year's Course of studies. Lee Anderson.

The following Ministerial Supplies, Lay Teachers and Assistants on the Cape Palmas and Sinoe Districts reported their work: Z. B. Roberts, C. E. Gibson, J. B. Gray, D. T. Johnson, E. F. Russ, M. C. Simpson, Frederica Robertson, Jasper Grant, E. A. Bedell, Jesse Arms, Wesley Fish. Ministerial Supplies and Lay Workers.

J. A. Simpson.

J. A. Simpson made a more extensive report of his labors at Greenville, Sinoe.

Recess.

On motion of J. A. Faust, Conference took a recess for fifteen minutes.

Session
Resumed.

The time of recess having expired Conference resumed business.

Rocktown
Petition.

The following communication from Rocktown was presented and read:

Rocktown, Feb. 11th, 1903.

The the President and Members of the Annual Conference.

Sirs: We have found it to be our duty, and free chance to connect ourselves with the king and his chiefs of Rocktown, to remind you of the petition of last year, which was not answered by you. We have the full hope that it was not refused by not sending us any reply to that petition, but we thought that it might have been forgotten by you. So in this term we beg to bring it into your knowledge again. And our request is this: A house of worship, either boarding or day school, and a teacher. And for the case of the teacher, we recommend to you one Edward A. Bedell Wade who is our exhorter.

JOHN G. NELSON,
J. W. MOSES,
GUIDO MIEMA,
NEMLE GYNDE,

JOHN Y. ELLIOT,
JOHN BLNYO, King,
JUDE HAATE,
BODIO NIEMA.
R. R. ELLIOT, Secretary.

Rocktown, Feb. 9, 1903.

The Secretary was requested to reply to the above in the name of the Conference.

W. H. Bastian.

The report of W. H. Bastian, pastor of New Georgia, was read, being a Ministerial Supply on the Bassa and Monrovia Districts.

J. A. Simpson.

J. A. Simpson offered the following resolutions, and on motion of A. L. Sims, they were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in the Providence of God and in obedience to the call of Christ through the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. J. C. Sherrill, A.M., B.D., came to Liberia and joined with us in the promotion of the Kingdom of Christ; and,

WHEREAS, he has proven himself a faithful and very proficient and consecrated worker as well as a man of highly exemplary Christian character, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the Liberia Annual Conference regard his accession to our field of labor as a gift from God. And,

WHEREAS, he has suffered recently from sickness, to the extent that he was compelled to leave his charge and go to the Madera Islands for his health; and,

WHEREAS, God has blessed him with health and strength to return to his very faithful and heroic flock to finish his year's work; and,

WHEREAS, he, together with his family are physically indisposed, so that they have been granted a furlough for a leave of absence; therefore,

Resolved, that this Conference acknowledge with grateful hearts the goodness of God in having so restored him to health and pray that his life of usefulness be prolonged. Also be it

Resolved, that this Conference recognizes the services of Brother Sherrill, and tender him a vote of thanks for his invaluable services.

Resolved, further that this Conference offer special prayer for Brother Sherrill and family that God's blessings may attend them while on their ocean voyage and that He should bountifully bless and attend them during their stay abroad, and that they may be spared to return to Liberia, and that with the approval of the Bishop he is hereby authorized while in America to solicit funds for our work in Liberia.

J. A. SIMPSON,
J. M. PERKINS,
U. S. WARE, Committee.

On motion of A. P. Camphor, Conference adjourned to 7:30 Monday, 16th inst. Adjournment.

The Committee on Public Worship made the following Announcements.
announcements:

Love Feast Sunday, 15th, to be conducted by A. L. Sims, J. B. Robertson and U. S. Ware. To preach at 11 a. m., A. P. Camphor; 3 p. m., J. A. Simpson; 7 p. m., I. N. Holder.

Doxology was sung and benediction pronounced by H. H. Evans.

Conference stands adjourned.

Fifth Day's Session, Monday, February 16, 1903.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, W. T. Hagan presiding.

P. E. Walker conducted the religious services. Roll was called. The minutes of the Fourth Day's session were read, and on motion of B. K. McKeever, approved.

The names of E. B. Mitchel and J. D. Stryker were called, E. B. Mitchell
and J. D.
Stryker. and on motion of B. K. McKeever, their characters passed and they read their reports.

The name of Lee Anderson was called, and on motion of B. K. McKeever, his character passed. Being absent, his report was read.

- J. T. King. The name of T. J. King was called, and on motion of B. K. McKeever, his character passed, also continued in the Second Year's Course of studies.
- N. B. Whitfield. The name of N. B. Whitfield was called, and on motion of B. K. McKeever, his character passed, and continued in the First Year's Course of studies. Being absent, his report was read.
- J. T. Williams. The report of J. T. Williams was read as pastor of Farmington Charge.
- Temperance. The Committee on Temperance made their report, and on motion of I. N. Holder, the same was adopted.
- District Conference Minutes. The Committee on District Conference minutes reported, and on motion of H. H. Evans, the same was adopted.
- The Committee on Sunday Schools reported, and on motion of A. L. Sims, the same was adopted.
- Workers. The following Ministerial Supplies, Lay Teachers and Assistants reported their work on the Bassa and Monrovia District: M. A. S. Ragland, F. A. M. McGill, D. W. Hermon. Being absent the reports of Mrs. L. A. Page, Mr. J. B. McGill, E. E. Powell were read.
- Question 7. Question Seventh was taken up.
Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?
 (a) Elected and ordained Deacons this year? None.
 (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously? U. S. Ware, E. R. Gravelly, J. M. Perkins, J. M. Gross.
- Question 8. Question Eighth was taken up.
What Members are in Studies of the Third Year?
 (a) U. S. Ware, E. R. Gravelly, J. M. Perkins, J. M. Gross.
 (b) E. B. Mitchell, P. T. Barker, I. J. King, J. D. Stryker.
- Question 9. Question Ninth was taken up.
What Members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?
 John Harrow.
- Question 10. Question Tenth was taken up.
What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Studies?
 Answer. None.
- Question 11. Question Eleventh was taken up.

What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

(a) Answer. None. (b) Answer. None.

Question Twelfth was taken up.

Question 12.

What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

(a) Answer. None. (b) Answer. None.

Question Thirteenth was taken up.

Question 13.

Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

This was carefully attended to as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

Question Fourteenth was taken up.

Question 14.

Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference?

Answer. None.

Question Fifteenth was taken up.

Question 15.

Who have died?

Answer. None.

Question Sixteenth was taken up.

Question 16.

Who have been Located at their own request?

Answer. None.

Question Seventeenth was taken up.

Question 17.

Who have been Located?

Answer. None.

Question Eighteenth was taken up.

Question 18.

Who have withdrawn?

Answer. None.

Question Nineteenth was taken up.

Question 19.

Who have been permitted to Withdraw Under Charges or Complaints?

Answer. None.

Question Twentieth was taken up.

Question 20.

Who have been expelled?

Answer. None.

Question Twenty-first was taken up.

Question 21.

What other personal Notations should be made?

Answer. None.

Question Twenty-second was taken up.

Question 22.

Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

Answer. None.

Question Twenty-third was taken up.

Question 23.

Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

Answer. C. B. McLain and G. W. Parker, Sr.

Question Twenty-fourth was taken up.

Question 24.

Who are the Triers of Appeals?

Answer. None.

Question 25. Question Twenty-fifth was taken up.

What is the Statistical Report for this year?

See Statistical Secretary's report for the year.

Question 26. Question Twenty-Sixth was taken up.

What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

Question 27. Question Twenty-seventh was taken up.

What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?

Question 28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?*

Question 29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

Answer. See appointments for 1903.

Question 30. Question Thirtieth was taken up.

Where shall the next Conference be held?

On motion of J. C. Sherrill, Monrovia was chosen as the seat of the Conference for 1904.

Question 4. Question Fourth was taken up.

Who have been Received on Trial?

(a) In studies of First year?

J. H. Davis. The Committee on Examination reported that Joseph H. Davis and J. M. Gross only appeared before the Committee on Examination. Davis has only one of the books and Gross has none, as required by the Discipline. They were examined in the Catechism, Discipline and General Literature. Average of the examination: Davis 76 per cent, Gross 75 per cent.

R. V. Richards, Recommendations for reception on Trial were handed
T. M. Hill, J. in by W. T. Hagan: J. M. Hill and J. H. Porter from
H. Porter, S. E. Bassa; and I. N. Holder handed in recommendations for
S. Payne. R. V. Richards and S. E. S. Payne. On motion of B. K. McKeever, J. H. Davis, J. M. Gross, R. V. Richards and S. E. S. Payne from the St. Paul River District, and J. M. Hill and J. H. Porter from the Bassa and Monrovia District Conferences, were received in Traveling Connection on Trial.

Recess. On motion of J. C. Sherrill, Conference took recess till 3:30 p.m. Benediction was pronounced by P. T. Barker.

Recess having expired, Conference resumed session. Session Resumed.
Religious exercises were conducted.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations read its report, Fraternal Relations.
which was, on motion of A. P. Camphor, adopted.

The Committee on Education read its report. On mo- Education.
tion of C. A. Lincoln, it was adopted.

The Committee on the Twentieth Century Thank Offer- Twentieth Cen-
ing presented and read its report, which was, on motion of tury Offering.
C. A. Lincoln, adopted.

The Conference Treasurer submitted his report. On Report of
motion of J. A. Faust, it was adopted. Conference
Treasurer.

The following resolutions were offered by A. L. Sims, Resolutions.
and on motion of I. N. Holder, they were adopted:

WHEREAS, the Official Journal of the Liberia Annual Conference should also serve as a history of the Conference as regards the names of all members and Local Preachers, both deceased and those surviving. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that each Presiding Elder be authorized to file a list of the Local Preachers on their various districts in the office of the Secretary for publication in the minutes of the present Conference.

Resolved, that the Secretary be required to publish the same in regular routine.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. LINCOLN,
J. A. SIMPSON,
A. L. SIMS.

The following resolution was offered by J. A. Faust, J. A. Faust.
and on motion of I. N. Holder, referred to the Committee
on Missions:—

WHEREAS, the fund for the Native Schools as they are at present divided seems insufficient to maintain them properly.

Resolved, that in the sense of this Conference, our native school work should be so concentrated as to enable us to maintain at least one good, well kept and taught school in each county where we are at present laboring.

J. A. FAUST.

The Committee to collect the debt on account of the printing of Conference minutes for 1898 submitted its report. Debt of 1898.
On motion of H. H. Evans, the same was adopted.

On motion of I. N. Holder, Conference adjourned to Adjournment.
meet tonight at 7 o'clock. Long metre doxology was sung and B. K. McKeever pronounced the benediction.

Evening Session. Conference met pursuant to adjournment, W. T. Hagan, presiding. Hymn 437 was lined and sung by W. P. Kennedy. Andrew Snorton, a Ministerial Supply on the Sass Town Charge, St. Paul River District, led in prayer.

W. P. Kennedy read the evening scripture lesson, St. John's Gospel, chapter 16. Conference again joined in singing hymn 820, which was lined by W. P. Kennedy. After singing, he preached a very edifying discourse from the 9th and 10th verses of St. Matt. 5.

Collection. A collection of \$10 was asked for, which met with a hearty and charitable response from the congregation. The amount of \$10.45 was contributed to aid in defraying the incidental expenses of the Conference.

I. N. Holder. On motion of I. N. Holder, Conference resumed its session.

Roll Called. The Secretary called the entire Conference roll.

Complimentary Resolutions. The Committee on Complimentary Resolutions made its report, which was, on motion of I. N. Holder, adopted.

The President's Address. W. T. Hagan, on behalf of the Conference, expressed the thanks of the Lay Workers of the Conference to the pastor, officials and members of Mt. Scott's Methodist Episcopal Church, and to the citizens and public in general for their unsurpassed hospitality extended to the Conference by them during this session.

A. P. Camphor. A. P. Camphor was also called on by the President to further express thanks to this generous Church and people, which he did.

C. A. Lincoln. C. A. Lincoln expressed the Conference's appreciation for the efficient, dignified and Christian-like manner in which the President presided over the deliberations of the Conference, and the dispatch with which the business was transacted.

J. A. Faust. J. A. Faust, on behalf of his membership, presented the amount of £30, 10s, sterling (\$146.40) to aid the Conference members in their fare homeward. On motion of I. N. Holder, the amount was most thankfully received, and J. C. Sherrill and A. L. Sims were deputed to convey and express our gratitude and appreciation for their signal and generous act. Each of the two brethren performed manfully their given task, being at their zenith just then.

I. N. Holder moved that this Conference session adjourn *sine die* immediately after the appointments shall have been read, and the minutes of this evening read and approved.

I. N. Holder lined the 810th hymn which was sung heartily. Closing Hymn.

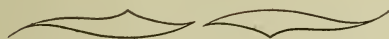
Appointments were then made.

Hymn 79 was sung and benediction pronounced by W. T. Hagan.

Conference stood adjourned.

W. T. HAGAN, President,

C. ALEX. LINCOLN, Secretary.



APPENDIX.

Reports.

Presiding Elders.

BASSA AND MONROVIA DISTRICT.—W. T. Hagan, P. E.

To the Seventieth Session of the Liberia Annual Conference, held at Cape Palmas, Feb. 14, 1903.

Dear Brethren: This makes the 18th time I appear before this Conference as Presiding Elder to report the condition of the District I represent.

All praise to God our Heavenly Father for his great mercies and goodness vouchsafed to us individually and collectively during the past Conference year just closing up in which so many varied incidents occurred, many of which will not be forgotten soon. Many a heart has been made sad because of the sad removal of their loved ones by the ruthless hand of death, while on the other hand many a heart has been made glad because of the love of God shed abroad in their hearts.

The Lower Buchanan Charge is about the same as reported last year, spiritually. Temporally, the brethren have not raised the new church building, but they hope to do so in the near future. The day school under Brother J. H. Porter's tuition is kept up with marked interest. The Sabbath school was not in a healthy condition, owing to the fact that the superintendent and teachers have no proper place to hold the school in, the old church building being unfit for use.

The Central Buchanan Charge has taken on new life since they have got the church building so far advanced as to hold services and the Sabbath school in it. The first service was held there on Sunday, Nov. 9th. The Sabbath school was greatly revived to what it was last year. It has had a few fine occasions recently that gave it a new impetus, and is now moving on the line of progress.

The school taught by Mrs. Ragland is doing fairly well. It was my privilege to visit the day school and witness the closing exercises, which were interesting. The recitations were good, and the children sang well; all gave evidence that they have been trained and drilled. I was particularly interested in a song sung by a class of eight or nine native boys not long out of heathenism, ending with the chorus, "Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me; for the Bible tells me so." I lectured the school (it was both the day and Sabbath schools blended together) and encouraged the teachers and superintendent in their work. Several persons interested from Upper Buchanan were present to witness the exercises, and I am sure that all went away satisfied.

The Upper Buchanan Charge has enjoyed very recently a refreshing from the Lord, and the Charge is in good condition both spiritually and temporally, and every department was alive and awake to its responsibilities. Twenty-six had been added to her number as a result of the recent revival season which greatly encouraged the hearts of the pastor, officers and members.

It was my happy pleasure to spend a Sabbath with pastor and members and preach for them Nov. 9th. At the close of the service twenty dollars and eight cents were laid on the table by the congregation as a Twentieth Century Thank Offering. In the afternoon the Sabbath school laid on the table as its Twentieth Century Thank Offering forty-four dollars and forty-three cents (\$44.43), making a total of \$64.57 raised from the church and school that day; it was raised with the greatest ease. I felt that if the officers of the church and school had urged it, they would have reached or even passed the one hundred dollar line.

The material is now being gathered to build the High School building. Forty thousand bricks have been bought and paid for, and the frame for the upper stories is being gotten out and will soon be delivered to the committee who hopes to get the building up this year. We hope to make it a success. Being a large building (for Liberia) we cannot move very fast. A five-thousand dollar building is what is contemplated, and to push forward that special building I have brought it prominently before all the churches and Sabbath schools of the district, and urged all to take an interest in this important enterprise and contribute largely to it, as it is for their benefit and the youth of that district as well as for the youth of other districts. Hon. J. D. Summerville, the chairman, is sparing no pains or means in the enterprise. The hearty response and co-operation of the Committee and friends generally to this laudable cause will encourage the Committee and they will surely succeed. May the good Lord open the eyes of the people to see and make their hearts willing and open their hearts to give liberally.

The Painesburg Charge.—There is a spirit manifest to build a new church on that side of the Benson River. The brethren are gathering material for that purpose. May they not lose spirit, but rather be encouraged, because they have the promise of help by a friend for the iron roofing and the glass windows.

The spiritual condition of the church was reported good at the district Conference by the pastor. The Sabbath school was reported by the superintendent as not being as healthy as he desired, but he having been recently appointed, hoped to soon, with the co-operation of the teachers and officers, see it in good condition. They need books and were making efforts to raise the means to secure them in the near future.

The Edina Charge is still struggling with the church building amid the very hard times. They have nicely ceiled and painted it overhead, cased up the windows and doors, and have sent for the pews and chandelier which clearly shows the Committee is encouraged to push it through to completion in the near future.

The Sabbath school is doing a good part in helping with money to further the good cause. I find that the the Sabbath schools all along the lines render great help in encouraging building committees and pastors with the church buildings, etc., and especially where we have active and efficient superintendents, officers and teachers. I am glad to say we have them in Edina.

The day school is in good condition. Mrs. L. A. Page is doing good school work. The scholars are making progress in the studies, and notwithstanding there are two other denominational schools, her school keeps ahead numerically. The District Conference was held in Edina with much interest. It collected money sufficient to cover its expenses and gave the Building Committee fifty-one dollars (\$51.00) to help them on with their church building.

The statistics will be reported at the proper time and place by the pastor. The spiritual condition of the church is good.

The Farmington Charge has done nothing to the church building this year more than to gather some material for it. It is the purpose of the pastor and officers to build a new church in the near future. The pastor, Brother J. T. Williams, has been very sick recently, so much so that his family and friends despaired of his life; but he has much improved and is on the road to good health again. The spiritual condition is good. The Sabbath school is in a medium condition.

The Bexley and Harrisville Circuit seemed to have taken on new life under the administration of Brother Lee Anderson who was sent there last Conference, and the work is in better condition than at the last Conference. The Lord met them in their watch meeting with a refreshing shower and the result was several were converted, others reclaimed from a backslidden state and the church and Sabbath school greatly revived. Unfortunately for us we have no day school at this important point. And I have no means at my command to open one which is so much needed. Will some good hearted person or persons whom the Lord has blessed with this world's goods take this charge into his or their serious consideration and give an amount to pay a school teacher for this point? Scores of native heathen children live in easy reach of this place. May God move on some one's heart to contribute \$75 or \$100 to help pay a teacher.

The Hartford and Fortsville Charge is not in a good condition, especially Hartford. It has sustained great losses in the death of Col. J. C. Gross, wife and son. All died within six months. All were active members of the Hartford church and Sabbath school. Brother Gross was one of the leading officers of the church, the faithful and efficient superintendent of the Sabbath school for twenty years standing without a break, and was an exhorter in the church as well as leader of the first class. But the Lord called him from the stage of this mortal life, in May, to a higher state in the life beyond this vale of tears, and his place was made vacant in Hartford which is hard to fill.

Brother Gross was a leading citizen of Hartford and is greatly missed as such. He is greatly missed as head of his family, a leading officer in the church and on the civil list. He was Judge of the Probate Court of Bassa County. In the military he was Colonel of the Second Regiment, and a brave and efficient soldier. All these earthly honors he has laid aside and put on greater, for he was fully prepared to meet his God in peace; hence he lives in the bright regions of unclouded light. May his mantle fall on some young man of Hartford who will take his place in the church, Sabbath school, State and military. Peace be to his ashes!

Fortsville is holding on and doing the very best it can under the circumstances. They are not very many numerically, but are loyal and true and strong in faith. Nothing has been done to the rock walls, but the bricks are being put on the spot to continue the walls to completion. Brother Wiley Fort, the leader and manager, hopes to resume the work soon.

The Fair property has had some repairs on the house and the coffee farm cleaned out. We look forward anxiously to the time when these premises will be occupied and the training of the native youth begin.

The spiritual condition of Fortsville is good. A revival of religion closed recently with good results and an accession of ten to her number. The Sabbath school is also alive and active and doing good work. The school and church laid on the table ten dollars (\$10.00) for the Twentieth Century Thank Offering. This tells well for this small congregation which is liberal in proportion to its means.

Harrisville or Fortsville Mission is not in a healthy condition, yet Sister A. E. Adams lives there and is doing her best for the cause of the Church, although un-

aided last year. The District Conference gave her ten dollars at its recent session to help her. Sister Adams is loyal to the Church and has stood for several years at the front, battling against great odds to maintain and hold up the Christian religion to the heathen, as the great essential thing for them to accept and obtain for their present and future good. The Lord has wonderfully sustained and blessed her feeble efforts, and she is an example to others, and she does not despise the day of small things. I commend Sister A. E. Adams to the consideration of all who love God's people and cause and wish to see it advance, and are willing to contribute to the cause of Missions. Who will volunteer and contribute to the support of this aged but faithful woman whose whole soul is in the work of the Lord? She has under her care several small native heathen children that she is trying to teach and train up in the fear of the Lord. She is trying her best to lay a foundation for some coming missionary to build on. I commend her case as being worthy of the response of the Christian Church and the community for immediate relief. Contribute to her wants and needs now. She is in need now. Here is a chance for some one or some persons to put their money on interest that will bring a good percentage. Don't hesitate, friends; help this aged and worthy mother in Israel.

The Monrovia District and Charges, as constituted last Conference, have eight charges under regular appointed pastors that are doing good work, all things considered. I have traveled over the District during the year and inspected the work of the different charges, held the Quarterly Conferences and the District Conference, and the reports made at the last District Conference show that the work in the main has grown in interest, in its every department, with possibly a few exceptions, as will appear in detail from the pastors' reports.

I will however give here a brief summary statement of the charges as they struck me while going through the rounds of the District.

I left Bassa in November via the beach and the Bargays River and came to Marshall and held the 4th Quarterly Conference and meeting and inspected the work of that Charge. I found it in tolerably good condition spiritually. The Sabbath school was medium. From Marshall I went up the Farmington River to Mt. Olive (the extreme point of my District), the old mission battle ground where many heathens have been born of God and become members of the Church; many as such have gone to heaven leaving living testimonies of the saving power of God. Some too have gone back into heathenism, but still there is a good number that is still holding on firmly to the faith standing the ground as Christians. These are a credit to the mission and to the brethren who worked faithfully in that vineyard for the salvation of their souls. Rev. J. H. Deputie, who for years worked to cultivate the Lord's vineyard was succeeded by Rev. J. P. Artis, who was a linguist, who preached, prayed and sang in the Bassa tongue in such a way that the people readily understood. Their work personally is finished but they have left foot prints and marks there that will not be effaced just now. Eight native local preachers, reared up on the station, are preaching Jesus and assisting Brother Powell, the present efficient pastor, who suffered no little last year with an ulcerated knee which prevented him from traveling to any extent, then only in a canoe. He was much improved and able to be with me in his quarterly meeting and at the District Conference held at New Georgia, December last. But for the knee, he is the right man in the right place. The people principally composing the congregations at Mt. Olive and Powellsville are natives of the Bassa tribe, the tribe from which he hails. He preaches very efficiently and fluently to them in simple words that they clearly understand. Brother J. D.

Stryker, his assistant, and all the local preachers save one preach in the Bassa tongue. When I go there I use one or the other as interpreter. There is a growing interest over the Farmington River at Owens Grove, the settlement where the late J. P. Artis lived and died. Mrs. M. E. Stryker, the wife of the assistant pastor, has a very interesting school composed of native girls just taken from the heathen parents. These she is striving hard to train both in school and in house work, and is succeeding very finely. The majority of them have embraced religion and are members of Mt. Olive Church.

I would be very glad if I had the means to help Sister Stryker with that school of native girls and boys. She ought to be encouraged in her work, for she really deserves encouragement with sufficient means for her and girls' support, with a good supply of school books, and pencils. Here is a chance for some one whose coffers are full, to put out some in a good and paying enterprise. Who will help this struggling woman?

The day school at Mt. Olive is not in good condition. Mrs. Deputie has only a few scholars now and she reports that she would like to be transferred to Paynesville to teach as she has become somewhat discouraged in her work, because the native children wont stay with her long and the parents wont send them regularly to school. If I had the means at hand I would recommend her transfer to Paynesville, and the Mt. Olive school transferred over to Owens Grove to Mrs. Stryker as teacher. The Sabbath school is medium.

Paynesville day and Sabbath schools are in good condition. Both are under the care and supervision of Sister E. E. Powell. This Christian woman is doing good work—teaching the school daily and training the girls in house work. She was unfortunate to lose two of her bright girls who were stolen at night by the people and carried off and put in the *gree gree bush*, where no one would dare go to get them unless the person or persons had made up their minds to sacrifice their lives for the rescue of the girls. For the *zo* or *head* of the institution would poison or have the person or persons poisoned. Brother Powell and wife both regret it very much but it can't be helped just now. God will bless their labors and the time will come when Christianity will prevail in these places of heathen worship.

Paynesville Charge did not make the progress last year that it did the year before. The Sabbath school waned somewhat. The superintendent has been changed and we hope to see it revive in the near future and take on new life.

The Johnsonville Charge is in pretty good condition spiritually and temporally. I held the Fourth Quarterly Conference and meeting there. It was largely attended with interest. The day school teacher is doing good work at this point which helps to make the Sabbath school interesting and lively.

The mission house project mentioned in my last year's report has not moved on with that degree of rapidity as we hoped, still we are not discouraged. After a conference with the leading brethren they have resolved to go ahead with the work and hope to get the building framed and put up this year. In consequence of illness W. E. Hawkins, the pastor, is unable to attend this session of Conference, being under medical treatment. His report and statistics will be presented in due time.

The New Georgia Charge is in good condition spiritually, and the brethren are actively engaged collecting the bricks and other material to build the new church, the walls of which they hope to get up this year. The Sabbath school is alive and active. Unfortunately we have no day school here. The 6th session of the District Conference was held in the little town of New Georgia largely represented from all

points of the District. The reports were encouraging and full of interest. Ten dollars were given to the building committee to help them in paying for the building material.

The Monrovia Charge is in good condition, active and alive to its responsibilities. Besides meeting the regular and incidental expenses of the church, the official brethren exerted themselves and in a very short time raised over three hundred dollars and put it in the hands of their pastor to meet his expenses and sent him away to the Madeira Islands for medical treatment and to recuperate. He has been very sick and his health had run down. After spending three months he returned the very picture of health. During his absence the Lord blessed the work with a revival season which resulted in the conversion of several persons which gave a good accession to the Monrovia Church. Dr. A. P. Caniphor served the church as pastor *pro. tem.* while the pastor, J. C. Sherrill, was away.

The Sabbath school is very active in its work and well officered. It has done well and contributed largely for the building of the parsonage which is nearly finished, or so it can be occupied by the pastor and family in the near future. The building is a credit to the church and school and each is sparing no pains or means to push it to completion. This church and school are moving on improved lines and methods and are succeeding on these lines.

The College of West Africa is still doing an interesting work in training and educating the youth, and bids fair, if supported by the people morally and financially, to do a greater work. The closing exercises and examinations were well attended, and were satisfactory to the president and faculty as well as those who attended and witnessed the examination and exercises. The president will report in full and in detail. I feel that the entire membership of the Church within the bounds of the Liberia Annual Conference should give their individual patronage and support to the Institution. First, by sending their children and youths to get the advantages that are at their fingers' end from every district and charge. Children and youths should be sent to this central and leading institution. May the time soon come when this important school will be crowded with students from all parts of the Republic and from regions beyond. Second, pay up regularly the incidental fee, buy the books, etc.

The Kroo Town work has been looked after by Brothers D. W. Hermon and Nimly Taylor during the year and they will report the details and statistics of that work.

The St. Paul River Industrial Mission was added to the Monrovia District last year by the Bishop, with Rev. J. C. Sherrill as the appointed principal, Rev. E. R. Gravelly, pastor and teacher, and Mrs. Gravelly, matron and assistant teacher. The work has gone on successfully in the several departments. Peace and harmony have prevailed during the year. The enrollment of the school was good, while I believe there is room for improvement, even for a better attendance and a larger enrollment, if the parents and guardians of the children of the river settlements would give more attention to the Industrial School and send their children; for it is for the special benefit and convenience of the children and youths of the river settlements and parts adjacent. The work shops are well supplied with excellent sets of tools and machinery for the several trades taught. The work is so arranged that none need say we had or have no chances for the education and training of our children. The College of West Africa is open to all classes for a higher education and training in the College Course. The St. Paul River Industrial School and work-

shops are also open to all who wish to learn trades as well as get an education. Mr. J. B. McGill has charge of the industrial department, and is prepared to teach carpentry, cabinet making, blacksmithing and other trades. And besides the shops we have two hundred and sixty acres of land where agriculture can be carried on on improved lines and where all the breadstuffs and vegetables can be raised or cultivated for the support of the institution. Splendid soil for sugar-cane, coffee, corn, rice, cotton and every other product that is cultivated or grown in the country. Now is the time to get your children trained and taught for future usefulness in the Church and State. Don't let these golden chances pass unimproved. There is too much to be done to let them pass. The Church in all of its departments must be built up and maintained. The national Government is to be perpetuated and its dignity and supremacy sustained. Then how are these laudable institutions to be kept up and maintained without proper education and training? We must make sacrifices and spare no pains nor means in educating the youth now. The Methodist Episcopal Church must do her part in building up and helping to push forward the institutions of this nation and shaping its destiny.

The Decoursey Mission is not regularly organized but is in charge of Mrs. J. B. McGill. This includes as I understand a large scope of country among the Golah and other mixed tribes. Jollah Miley, the chief of that section, is very influential, and received Sister McGill gladly, and she goes from town to town teaching and holding religious meetings among these interesting people. Jollah Miley's town is and will be the central point of operations. It is pleasing to know that there is a growing interest being manifested by the people and success seems to be the outcome in the near future of the work so recently begun. The Golahs are taking to the gospel and asking for teachers and preachers as never before. The field is broadening, and the calls are loud and many for the Word of Life and light to be given them.

Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard. Amen.

ST. PAUL RIVER DISTRICT.—I. N. Holder, P. E.

Mr. President and Brethren of the Liberia Annual Conference: While another twelve months have rolled into eternity and have carried in their revolutions many of the human family, it is with gratitude to Almighty God that I am permitted to review the district in another annual meeting of our great Church. May the influence of the Holy Spirit be felt in the hearts of all who assemble here.

First, I begin with the *Clay-Ashland Charge*, C. A. Lincoln, pastor. This Charge needs special mention, more so now than ever. Our membership, financially, is small. As an important center it seems to have become like the coveted vineyard, and whether Moses or Aaron be returned to Clay-Ashland, he needs strong hands. The spiritual condition of this Charge is good. Brother Lincoln has labored there during the past year under many disadvantages. His officials deserve credit as well as the entire membership. I can give no definite report relative to the day school. Our Sunday school is in good shape and well attended.

Caldwell, W. H. Carter, pastor.—This Charge consists of two preaching places known as Upper and Lower Caldwell. The spiritual condition of this circuit is very creditable, some accessions being made to the church, resulting from a series of revivals conducted by the pastor. The religious thoughts and consciences of the people have been aroused, and like Nehemiah, they have fully concluded to build their

church. Two Sabbath schools are in good condition with a competent corps of officers and teachers. The day school, as taught by Sister C. K. Clarke, has made substantial progress during the year. This school was taught exclusive from the government school. This sister has done a good part to teach this school during the year for \$45.00. This day school should never be allowed to go down as this Charge is among some of the peculiar ones of the district. From personal observation I believe Brother Carter has given general satisfaction. I report the Caldwell circuit in good condition. Death visited this Charge on the 17th of Jan., 1903, and bore away one of its local preachers in the person of Jno. H. Ricks. He died in the full triumph of faith.

Brewerville, F. C. Holderness, pastor.—This Charge also has two preaching places, known as Burns' Chapel and Ware's Chapel. The spiritual condition of the Charge is good. The religious interest of the Charge has been greatly revived. The Sabbath schools of this Charge are in good condition; and the church building known as Burns' Chapel is in progress. The brethren at this point have stood by the Church, notwithstanding denominational prejudices which are complex at this point. Our Church still lives and stands at the head of the list. The next session of the District Conference is to be held at this Charge. Brother J. H. Davis, a local preacher from this Charge, comes knocking for admission in the Liberia Annual Conference, which tells that Brewerville has not been asleep to the duty incumbent upon her. The officials and brethren have rendered efficient service in building Burns' Chapel. Some accessions have been made to the church as the outcome of a revival held at Ware's Chapel. I report this Charge in good condition.

Sasstown, Andrew Snorton, pastor.—This Charge is aglow with good, strong, Methodist life. This new church building bespeaks this as well as commends Mr. George C. Dennis for his interest and untiring zeal in assisting the pastor and brethren in the erection of this fine building. Sasstown has arisen and shown herself. And to this he has ordered and received a very fine chandelier with pulpit and side lamps. This church light is hard to be equalled on the district. The Sunday school, superintended by Brother G. W. Parker, Jr., is in good shape. Brother Snorton, like a good old pilot at the wheel, knows nothing but to do his duty; and this he does despite all the difficulties incident to a Methodist preacher's life. I commend this Charge to the financial sympathy of this Conference, and if no other help can be given them send the pastor to serve them and not to be entirely supported by them, because they are not able. Our dear Bishop promised to help this struggling church which we know in good faith he will do. I report this Charge in good condition temporally as well as spiritually.

Millsburg, Sam. D. Richards, pastor.—This Charge is a very peculiar one, being situated across the river, and the membership being small, renders it very inconvenient, especially in the rainy season. Notwithstanding Brother Richards has held this church together, though making quite a sacrifice. The spiritual condition of this Charge is good. There is one Sunday school in connection with this work in a healthy condition.

Robertsville, Z. K. Kennedy, pastor.—This Charge is still in a good, healthy condition, notwithstanding the pastor has not given the work as much attention as he could have. Their church building is not yet completed. The Sabbath school is well looked after and is in a good condition. I recommend a change of pastor on this Charge as I believe it will have good effect.

Crozierville, A. L. Sims, pastor.—Under the leadership of Brother A. L. Sims, this

Charge has been well looked after and is in good shape. The spiritual as well as temporal condition of this work is good. Quite an improvement along Methodist lines has been made at this point during the year. The Sabbath as well as the mission day school is quite an inspiration to this Charge as well as the congregation and community. We hope the day school at this place will soon be lifted on a higher plane, as it is evident that the elements of moral, mental, industrial and religious power and influence must be blended into the soul-saving work of the church as well as the race.

Crawford Mission, Mrs. H. A. Crawford, teacher.---I have not been able to visit this mission in person, but have been posted with the facts relative to the workings thereof. The work is reported to be in good condition. I am very sorry that this sister could not obtain the desired help in her church building. I recommend that some good assistance be given her as her work is very creditable.

Bensonville, P. T. Barker, pastor.---The work at this point is not in the best condition, the membership being small and weak financially. Brother Barker has done the best he could and nothing has been lost, yet no material advancement. One Sabbath school is in connection with this Charge in medium condition. This Charge lost one of her most valuable members during the year in the person of Sister Susannah West on the 9th of Nov., 1902.

"Today she slumbers in the dust
While angels watch her soft repose."

Brother Barker has suffered much from rheumatics during the year, otherwise than the exceptions made this charge is still alive.

Pesseh Mission.—Your humble servant was assigned this work at the last session of the Conference, with R. Boyce as assistant. I can say this place has yet to be made a mission in the true sense of the word. I found the dwelling house as well as the church in a very bad condition. I found nothing but the two houses; no kind of farm implement, no kind of house or kitchen utensils, not as much as to have a drink of water in. Yet we come down as near to the Conference of Monrovia, 1888, where this mission had a very creditable report as well as the Careysburg Conference of 1892, where we find from the minutes that Bishop Taylor supplied this mission with goods, provisions, tools, house utensils, etc. The mission coffee that was reported last session of the Conference, even that disappeared in common with other mission goods. I have succeeded in having a farm cut on said premises for planting bread-stuff this present season. I have had some of the farm cleaned out, and enough timber negotiated for to repair the dwelling house; also some plank. I left some of this material on the spot and made arrangements to have the balance of the coffee farm cleaned out which I suppose is finished by this time. I here borrow the words of the Queen of Sheba relative to this mission.

Careysburg and Newland Circuit, Jos. E. Clarke, pastor.—This circuit is in good condition spiritually. Brother Clarke has given this circuit his time, and labored hard with this people in order to bring this work up to a higher plane. The financial condition of this circuit is by no means creditable. The pastor has had a hard time this year. Sabbath schools in connection with this circuit are in a good condition and well attended. The mission day school, taught by Mrs. W. T. Hagan, is reported to have made good progress and the school is in good shape. The last session of the St. Paul River District Conference was held at Careysburg with much profit. The church building there is in good condition. Brother Clarke has render-

ed general satisfaction to the circuit, but the circuit has not in return. I report this work in good condition. "He who preaches the gospel should live by the gospel."

Virginia, T. H. Clarke, pastor.—This charge has been well looked after by Brother Clarke. Spiritually it is in medium condition. The brethren, together with the pastor have very decently repaired their church which is creditable to them. There is one Sunday school in connection with this work in good condition. The local teachers have rendered very efficient services. I report the charge in good condition.

Harrisburg, H. L. Porterfield, pastor.—The work here has been well looked after and kept in good shape. The Sabbath school is in a healthy condition and well attended. The mission day school has made quite an advancement along the lines. At the semi-annual examination, the scholars truly exhibited the labors of the teacher. I recommend a change of pastor at this point. The parsonage has been moved and a better locality obtained. I report this charge in a healthy condition.

The mission building at Crozierville is in progress. The house is covered and nearly shut in, but for want of means this work would have been advanced beyond its present limits. We have a good deal of lumber on hand with which to make another start on our return home. Mission buildings mean money. We would like to have this school house ready for use next year.

The Woman's Home Missionary work of the St. Paul River District is growing in interest. They have one mission house up and covered and a good farm in progress. Sisters Carter, Sims, Goodridge and Holder are pushing this work forward. The women of the entire district are exhibiting great interest in this work and are quite serviceable in this enterprise. Brother J. D. Carter, our zealous superintendent, is the right man in the right place. Brother J. B. McGill has also rendered valuable services in their building as well as other brethren who have rendered equal services. They have raised and expended \$271.00 on this building and farm. I report this work in good condition as well as a mighty lever for good on the St. Paul River District.

The Sunday School Convention, another organization on the St. Paul River District, has wheeled in line the working forces of the Sunday schools of the District. This convention has raised funds and is now supporting a scholarship in the College of West Africa known as "Ware's Scholarship," in memory of our departed sire who filled with much credit his post, and acted well his part in Liberian Methodism. We expect to put in a few more this year, and thus the St. Paul River District, by dint of effort, intends to become a great factor of the great whole which comprises religion, industry and mind development, as education and mind power must guide us in every division of life if we would be a successful people.

The benevolent collections from the St. Paul River District on General Conference fund, Episcopal fund, and Mission Rooms Indebtedness amounted to \$30.00; entire benevolent collection including Home Mission work, \$301.00.

As to my work as Presiding Elder, I can say that I have attended all the Quarterly Conferences, and looked after the interest of the District. Thus ends a brief review of the district. I have endeavored to do justice to all and injury to none. Where nothing has been done we propose to let it be known.

It is evident to my mind that our itinerant force is becoming rather dormant. Whether this is due to their support or not I am unable to say. May the Holy Spirit bless you, deliver you, and crown our efforts with abundant success.. Amen.

SINOE AND CAPE PALMAS DISTRICT.--B. K. McKeever, P. E.

I left the church at Robertsport undergoing a flaming revival of religion which was deepening and widening in its influence. About thirty had been converted up to my leaving. The several charges in Sinoe are all prosperous, accessions having been made all along the line. Have never known the work in better spiritual condition. Was sick most of the time in Sinoe, but visited all important points except the Sinoe River Industrial Mission, but saw most of the children from there, and learned that Sister Robertson had been dangerously ill the greater portion of the year, and was then quite sick; so much so that neither she nor her husband could attend the District Conference. Glad to find them all present at the Annual Conference.

Brother C. A. Minor, preacher in charge of the Lexington church, desires his relation to this Conference changed. Writes that he cannot attend.

Mt. Scott Charge, Cape Palmas.—This church for several days has been undergoing repairs, thereby greatly improving its temporal condition. The spiritual condition is good.

Tubmantown is in good condition on all lines.

Barraka Mission Station.—I find that there has not been much work done on this station in the way of teaching. Brother Perkins has had an itinerate between Garraway, his own station, and Wissika, and having no one to help him, the consequence is four of the boys have left his station, viz: Barraka.

I have not been able to visit Cavalla and Rocktown, the people being away on their farms some forty-five miles distant, though the work at these points is progressing in spiritual growth. I am pleased to report that peace and harmony prevail all along the line.

Standing Committees.

On Epworth League.

Your Committee begs to report as follows:—We are sorry to say that the Epworth League is a very small factor in Liberian Methodism. We know of but one growing and substantial chapter and that is maintained by the faculty and students in the College of West Africa. All others seem to be mere organizations without life or energy.

We urge upon all ministers and Sunday school superintendents to do all in their power to breathe new life and activity in these organizations so that the Epworth League may become here in Liberia what it is throughout the world, a mighty factor in the spread of gospel truth and educated and enlightened Christianity.

Respectfully,

J. A. FAUST,
A. L. SIMS,
J. A. SIMPSON.

On Sunday Schools.

MR. PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Sunday schools is pleased to report the results of our labor. It is a truthful saying and often repeated that the Sunday school is the nursery of the church, and should be looked after with great interest because it is the source from which the future church is to be perpetuated. And as this branch of the church is under the direction of the pastors they should

not treat them with indifference but should be deeply interested in the cause of the Sunday schools.

Therefore your Committee recommends that this Conference insist upon each pastor the necessity of looking after this very important branch of the Church, and that all parents and guardians should be requested to have their children in school each Sabbath. We further recommend that the pastors will see that the schools be furnished with the entire literature of our Sunday schools as required by the discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SIMPSON,
W. H. CARTER,
U. S. WARE,
E. R. GRAVELLY,
P. T. BARKER.

On Temperance.

We recommend that on the first Sunday in December next there be a special sermon preached in each church, and an address delivered in the Sabbath schools on Temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. EVANS,
U. S. WARE,
J. B. ROBERTSON.

On Twentieth Century Thank Offering.

The Twentieth Century Thank Offering which had its beginning in the council of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has gone the rounds of Christendom. The cry of our own great Methodists was for \$20,000,000 for missionary and educational purposes. For four years the 3,000,000 members and 18,000 pastors of our own Methodism have been in motion like a mighty army, and that which seemed as folly to the world in the beginning will soon be realized. Hence success is sure. Dr. Mills who has been placed in charge of this special fund in his last report which appeared in the New York *Christian Advocate*, the footings showed that this fund had reached the high water mark of something over \$18,000,000. This collection will close at the end of this year, 1903; hence the Church is rallying her forces for a final active maneuver in keeping with the spirit of this great movement. Our chief pastors have issued a special appeal to the ministers and members of the whole Church to observe a time of prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as follows: In the January issue of *New Africa*, we are pleased to note that our own Liberia Conference has not been altogether idle during the year, but in keeping with the resolution of the last Annual Conference several of the different Districts took a collection for the Twentieth Century Thank Offering

ON MONROVIA AND BASSA DISTRICT.

Monrovia	\$850 00
Upper Buchanan	64 00
Fortsville	10 00
Farmington	1 00
Paynesburg	4 35
Lower Buchanan	4 36

CAPE PALMAS AND SINOE DISTRICT.

Cape Palmas	\$800 00
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ST. PAUL RIVER DISTRICT.

Crozierville	\$ 10 00
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Clay-Ashland	7 00
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Total	1750 71
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While we are very sorry that so many of our charges have failed to give any attention to this fund, still the above sum is encouraging. Wherefore we your Committee have only to recommend that we as pastors, missionaries, and teachers join our millions of Methodists throughout the wide world in this final great movement, and the second Sunday in November, 1903, be set apart as the day to take a collection from our churches, Sunday schools, mission schools and day schools. And that, in keeping with the appeal of our Bishops,

Resolved, that we set apart the week previous to the time of taking this collection for prayer, consecration and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and that these services be held in all our churches, Sunday schools and day schools.

J. C. SHERRILL,
J. B. ROBERTSON,
A. L. SIMS,
W. P. KENNEDY,
Committee.

On Devotion.

Introductory, Feb. 10, 7:30 p. m.; Rev. J. M. Gross, Feb. 11, 7:30 p. m.; Rev. J. H. Davis, Feb. 12, 7 a. m.; Rev. W. H. Carter, Feb. 12, 7:30 p. m.; Rev. J. M. Perkins, Feb. 13, 7 a. m.; E. R. Gravelly, Feb. 13, 7:30 p. m.; J. B. Robertson, Feb. 14, 7 a. m.; Rev. A. P. Camphor (sermon on education), Feb. 14, 12 m.; Rev. A. L. Sims (love feast), Feb. 15, 7 a. m.; Rev. P. E. Walker, Rev. J. B. Robertson; Rev. J. A. Simpson, Feb. 15, 3 p. m.; Rev. I. N. Holder, Feb. 15, 7:30 p. m.; Rev. A. P. Camphor, Feb. 15, 10:30 a. m.; Rev. W. P. Kennedy, Feb. 16, 7:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

B. K. McKEEVER,
C. A. LINCOLN,
J. A. FAUST.

On Auditing Presiding Elders' Accounts.

MR. PRESIDENT:--We your Committee to whom was submitted the auditing of the several Presiding Elders' reports do present this as the result of our labors:

We had the accounts of Rev. W. T. Hagan, Rev. B. K. McKeever and Rev. I. N. Holder, and after careful examination, we find that their accounts are correct according to their appropriations.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. SIMS,
W. H. CARTER,
U. SAM'L WARE.

On Fraternal Relations.

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Fraternal Relations begs to report that nothing on fraternal relations has been before them this Conference saving the fraternal greetings to this body from the Protestant Episcopal Convocation which convened in this city on the 11th, said greetings having been answered.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. KENNEDY.

On District Conference Minutes.

MR. PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN:---We the Committee to whom the District Conference Minutes were committed beg most respectfully to say that we have had the minutes of the Monrovia, Bassa, Sinoe and St. Paul River Districts before us, and after careful examination do find them correct. Therefore we do recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. EVANS,
W. H. CARTER,
P. E. WALKER,
E. R. GRAVELLY.

On Education.

The cause of Christian Education is one that we cannot too strongly commend, nor too frequently hold up before our people. For many years our educational work in Liberia lagged, and we suffered heavy and serious losses in consequence of this neglect. Today, however, we witness throughout our entire territory a revival in this important work. The College of West Africa closed its year's work with a splendid record, and we rejoice in the steady and upward growth of this our central and leading institution of our Church. We also rejoice in the plans to repair and to place upon a stronger basis our Cape Palmas Seminary. Its past year's record is good. Our St. Paul River Industrial School in both its mechanical and literary departments has had a good year. The enlarged and improved facilities for teaching and practice in mechanics is destined to make this an important center of industrial training. We heartily commend this school to our people and hope that they will avail themselves of the opportunities offered.

The Committee has heard and examined all the reports of our Church and Mission schools. We deeply regret the embarrassment caused by an absence of books and other supplies and suggest, that in this matter, that in the absence of a supply from the Board or the Bishop that the teachers or principals in charge do their very best in a self helping way to procure the same. Such may be done by giving school exhibitions, concerts, etc., as in the case of some of our schools. The chairman of the Committee will spare no pains in looking after the matter of books and as soon as they arrive will forward same to the schools.

We recommend strongly and hold firmly to the idea and original plan of regarding our schools and missions as "feeders" to the College of West Africa, and hope that all of our teachers and people will work to that end, permitting nothing to defeat this object.

We call upon our Methodist people throughout Liberia to send their children to Methodist schools, and keep them there till honorably dismissed from them, that they make the needed sacrifice and help their children as much as possible in the

matter of education, and we are quite sure when their conditions are fulfilled, our schools will do their very best to help and keep them in school.

We call again upon our teachers and missionaries to raise the standard of their respective schools by grading same and advancing their students as fast as possible; that school keeping be ample, regular and thorough and that quarterly reports be sent as usual to the Superintendent of Education.

We recommend that in order to increase the interest in our central school and to bring our leading Methodist who reside at remote points from the institution in touch therewith, and to give the school a larger representation, the appointment of the following brethren as an Examining Committee, who shall also serve as official visitors to the College. Their duty will be to inquire into the welfare and to be present on Public Examination days and examine the classes and report to the Conference.

Committee and visitors are as follows:—For Montserrado County: W. T. Hagan, I. N. Holder, J. C. Sherrill, D. E. Howard. For Bassa: J. D. Summerville, W. P. Kennedy, Wiley Fort, E. B. Mitchell. For Sinoe: J. A. Simpson, Z. B. Roberts, E. A. L. McCauley, C. A. Minor. For Cape Palmas: J. A. Faust, J. S. Pratt, Alex. Tubman, A. H. Dent.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. CAMPHOR,
J. A. FAUST,
W. T. HAGAN,
I. N. HOLDER,
B. K. MCKEEVER.

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE OF WEST AFRICA.—A. P. CAMPHOR, D.D., PRESIDENT.

To the Liberia Annual Conference (70th. Session). Dear Fathers and Brethren:—The work of our Institution during the past year (1902), has been regular and successful. During my year's furlough in the United States, the work was carried on by Rev. Sherrill, assisted by the other members of the faculty. On my arrival last May, I found that all the interests and affairs of the College had been safely and successfully administered, so that in taking up the work, there were no broken threads to gather up; it was just as though I was succeeding myself, and continuing my own work. For this Rev. Sherrill has the sincere thanks of the institution and myself.

My year in America was a very busy one. It was spent principally in traveling in the interest of the Institution and the work generally. Many thousand miles of territory were traversed by myself and wife, and numerous engagements filled among both white and colored peoples, in lecturing and preaching the gospel of Africa and its needs. As a result, many friends were won to our cause, and the sum of nearly Five Thousand Dollars given in good pledges and cash toward the establishment of scholarships and the new school building we hope soon to erect. The new accessions to our Faculty, viz., Miss Ella B. Dowell from Baltimore, Md., and Miss Ida M. Sharp from Cincinnati, Ohio, came through our efforts while in America.

Our enrollment. The attendance of the school continues very good. One hundred and fifteen are on roll. Fifty are girls and sixty-five boys. Of this number a little more than 50 per cent are native Africans in contradistinction to Americo-Liberians.

Students residing with us. Twenty-five are in this list. The larger boys occupy

the Boys' Hall, the property leased by Bishop Hartzell last year. It is well located, being across the street from our main building. Our girls occupy adjourning rooms to our lady teachers' room, on the third floor in the College building.

Their support. None of these 25 students are self-supporting. They depend upon us wholly for their keep. Board, books, clothing, washing, medicine, etc., are all provided by us. But for the special gifts which kind friends from the United States have begun recently to send us, the undertaking of the support of so many were impossible. We earnestly hope that this fund may increase so that at least 50 students may be accommodated. Twenty-five dollars annually will maintain a student for one year.

Over crowded. We are much embarrassed for room, both for teaching and living purposes. Every available space about the building is fully occupied. Our two main class rooms on the first floor are divided among four teachers, and our students' dinning room is used at night as a sleeping apartment for our smaller boys. During the year, we were driven to the necessity of enclosing a portion of our piazza to make space for office and recitation room. A larger building is greatly needed to accommodate those we already have, and those who are seeking admittance.

Our faculty. Our Faculty composed of eight teachers has given a year of splendid service. Each has filled his post with satisfaction and credit. In the month of August occurred the marriage of Miss Amanda Davis to the Rev. J. A. Faust. We gave Miss Davis up with mingled feelings of regret and joy. She goes to Cape Palmas Seminary, where she will assist her husband in church and school work.

Subjects taught. Besides the usual common branches, we have given instruction in the following subjects:---Physiology, Beginning and Advanced Greek, Beginning and Advanced Latin, Higher Mathematics, Ethics, General History, Practical Morality and Political Economy.

Music. Much attention has been paid to instrumental and vocal music. Miss Sharp, an accomplished and experienced teacher, has made this department attractive and popular.

She has enrolled large classes in piano and vocal music, and gave during the year several musical entertainments of high grade, which were well attended by the public. The proceeds from this source have gone to furnish her department and meet incidental expenses of the school.

Special Bible work. We began last year to give systematic instruction in the form of lectures on Bible characters. Our foundation work has been the life of Christ, using Dr. James Stalker's "Life of Christ" as a text book, together with the four Gospels and a large map of Palestine as materials to work with. Sunday evenings from 7 to 8 o'clock are devoted to this work, and I am glad to say, that the young people have taken hold of this work in good earnest. We have already completed "Stalker's Life of Christ," and are now on his life of Paul.

Our public examination and closing exercises. The College closed its work Friday, Nov. 28th. The sermon on education was preached by the President, to the students and public, Sunday, Nov. 23, Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 24 and 25, were devoted to written examinations. All of these exercises were well attended by the public. His Excellency President G. W. Gibson and other distinguished citizens of State were present and listened to the examinations. The President and Professors of Liberia College attended. We give in this connection a set of resolutions and press comments, touching the work of the College and the public examinations. The resolutions are as follows:

WHEREAS, we the officers of the methodist Episcopal Church of Monrovia, have watched with great interest and solicitude the great labor and efforts put forward by the President and Faculty of the College of West Africa, in the training of the intellect and morals of our children for the college year just closed;

WHEREAS, from the examinations recently held, it was apparent that great credit is due the teachers for the grand and noble work they have done and are doing, as evinced by the students in the subjects in which they were examined. Therefore,

Resolved, that the thanks of the entire membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Monrovia in particular and of Liberian Methodism in general, is due and hereby tendered Dr. A. P. Camphor, President, and the Faculty of the College for another year's successful work in the educational training of our future Methodism.

Resolved, that we do recommend the President to the continued support and prayers of the Church officials and membership. May their lives be long spared for service in this great field.

Resolved, that the officers of this church recognize and and appreciate their service and take this opportunity of expressing the same.

D. E. HOWARD,
In behalf of the Church and Officials
M. E. Church, Monrovia.

FROM THE "AFRICAN LEAGUE."

"This College under the management of Dr. A. P. Camphor, the President, began the work of its closing on Sunday Nov. 23d at the M. E. Church where the annual sermon was preached by the President of the College. The sermon was a great and masterly discourse. It evinced thorough preparation by a master mind, full of deep thought and sound doctrine for both Church and State.

"Public examination on the 26th, 27th, and 28th, a thorough examination characteristic of the competent work usually done by the Faculty of this institution."

FROM "THE LIBERIA RECORDER."

"The fourth week in Nov. found us spending the most of our time hearing the examination of the College of West Africa, where President Camphor and his staff have been giving their undivided attention ever since his return from America. The examinations in all the the departments were well, and we were especially interested in the classes in Political Economy and Ethics. These subjects were well taught and thoroughly mastered. The papers prepared by the students on Political Economy, especially Miss Clavender Sherman, were masterpieces, and should be published. To be sure we do not say that there were not other subjects as well taught and mastered, the two mentioned are those which interested us most.

"Dr. Camphor and his college staff deserve praise and encouragement. They treated the public to a cantata, Friday, the closing day."

THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

In the absence of Mr. F. M. Allen, our Supt. of Printing, the work has gone on with the aid of apprentices. The monthly issues of the *New Africa* have appeared, and in addition to this periodical, we have published *The Liberia Recorder*, *African League*, and *The African World*. Bishop Hartzell writes that he is arranging for a steam engine, and that he is determined to make our Mission Press a success in every way. Mr. Allen has turned his furlough to good account. He has availed

himself of the opportunity of learning Photography, Photo-Engraving, Electrotyping and Book-binding, all of which he hopes to add to increase the efficiency of our Printing Office.

The outlook. The outlook for our educational work is indicative of a brightening future. Already a large number of new applicants for rooms has been made. We anticipate an increase in attendance.

Brethren, the school exists for the whole Church in Liberia. Its success is the success of Methodism in Liberia; its failure the failure of Methodism. I ask your practical co-operation and interest in this our leading institution. Let us crowd the school with promising students. Let our rallying cry be "Excelsior" for our educational work, and especially for the College of West Africa.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, the Official Journal of the Liberia Annual Conference should also serve as a history of the Conference as regards the names of all members and local preachers, both deceased and surviving. Therefore be it

Resolved, that each Presiding Elder be authorized to file a list of the local preachers on their several districts in the office of the Secretary for publication in the minutes of the present Conference.

That the Secretary be required to publish the same in regular routine.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. LINCOLN,
J. A. SIMPSON,
A. L. SIMS.

WHEREAS, our much beloved and honored Bishop, the Rev. J. C. Hartzel, D.D., LL.D., was not able to be with us at this session of the Conference, having been detained in America to advocate the cause of Methodism in Africa; and

WHEREAS, in his wisdom he saw fit to appoint the Rev. W. T. Hagan, D.D., one of our honored fathers, President of the Liberia Annual Conference for 1903; and

WHEREAS, he has discharged his duty so faithfully and wisely, having presided over the Conference with much grace and dignity, and having manifested such a fatherly spirit and prudence. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that it is the sense of this Conference, that the Rev. W. T. Hagan has not only honored himself by his fatherly and graceful and prudent manner of conducting this session of Conference, but he has honored his race, his nation and our world-wide Methodism.

Resolved, that this Conference show its appreciation of the same by a rising vote of thanks.

J. C. SHERRILL,
J. A. SIMPSON,
W. H. CARTER.

WHEREAS, the pastor and officers and members of Mt. Scott M. E. Church, and friends generally have so kindly and fully entertained the Liberia Annual Conference at this present session; and

WHEREAS, this Conference appreciates their actions. Be it

Resolved, that a vote of thanks be tendered the pastor and members of the Mt. Scott M. E. Church by a rising vote of the Conference.

Resolved, that the President be authorized to tender the thanks of the Conference to the citizens and friends for the kind manner in which they have entertained this Conference session, and that in our prayers we will invoke God's blessing upon them both spiritually and temporally.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. SHERRILL,
W. H. CARTER,
J. A. SIMPSON.

Resolved, that a vote of thanks be tendered the Secretary and Treasurer of the Conference for their faithful services in discharging the duties of their responsible positions that were assigned them this Conference session, and the President is hereby authorized to express the appreciation of this Conference for their faithfulness.

J. C. SHERRILL,
J. A. SIMPSON,
W. H. CARTER.

Your Committee respectfully recommends that the sum of eighty dollars (\$80.00) be appropriated for publishing the Annual Conference minutes for 1903, and that the said amounts be apportioned to the different Charges and Conference officers and members, and that each person here referred to, pay in the amount subscribed before leaving the seat of Conference.

A. P. CAMPHOR,
I. N. HOLDER,
C. A. LINCOLN,
Committee.

THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS WERE APPORTIONED:

Bishop Hartzell, \$10.00, paid; J. C. Sherrill, \$16.00, paid \$10; J. A. Faust, \$10.00; J. J. Powell, \$2.50; W. T. Hagan, \$2.50, paid; B. K. McKeever, \$2.00, paid; W. P. Kennedy, \$2.50, paid; I. N. Holder, \$2.00, paid; A. P. Camphor, \$2.00, paid; N. B. Whitfield, \$1.50; U. L. Walker, \$1.00; J. B. Robertson, \$1.00, paid; J. T. Williams, \$1.00, paid; H. H. Evans, \$1.00; W. H. Carter, \$1.00, paid; C. A. Lincoln, \$1.00; Alexander Tubman, \$1.00; J. A. Simpson, \$1.50, paid; F. C. Holderness, \$1.00; paid; S. D. Richards, \$1.00; F. W. Valentine, \$0.50, paid; Riden Boyce, \$1.00; P. T. Barker, \$1.00, paid; C. B. McClain, \$1.00, paid; G. W. Parker, Sr., \$1.00, paid; Andrew Snorton, \$1.00, paid; J. D. Stryker, \$0.50; T. H. Clark, \$1.00; E. B. Mitchel, \$1.00, paid; J. E. Clark, \$1.00, paid; A. L. Sims, \$1.00, paid; E. R. Gravelly, \$1.00, paid; J. T. King, \$0.50, paid; H. L. Porterfield, \$0.50; R. H. Kennedy, \$1.00; W. H. Bastian, \$1.00; W. F. Hawkins, \$1.00, paid; Miss Jessie Arms, \$1.00, paid; P. E. Walker, \$1.00; Miss Minnie Willhorte, \$1.00, paid; J. M. L. Harrow, \$1.00, paid; S. R. Miller, \$0.50; J. M. Perkins, \$1.00, paid; J. M. Gross, \$1.00. Total apportioned, \$84. Total paid, \$41.50.

Statistics

STATISTICS No. 1.

CHURCH PROPERTY.																
No.	Present In- debtedness on Church Prop- erty.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Paid for build- ing & improv- ing Churches & Parsonages.	Probable Val- ue.	No. of Parson- ages.	Probable Value	No. of Church- es.	No. of Scholars	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Schools.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Child- ren Baptized.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Proba- tioners.
CHURCH MEMB'S, P. B'TMS SUNDAY SCH'Ls																
NAMES OF CHARGES.																
Monrovia and Bassa District.																
1	Central Buchanan.	1	2	1	1	1	1	38	5	1	4	4	1	36	4	
2	College of West Africa.	2	3	400		4200		30	12	1					3	
3	DeCoursey Mission.	3	4			400		50	20	1					10	
4	Edina.	4	5			500		30	9	2	6				3	
5	Fortville Mission and Bexley.	5	6			1800		30	2						3	
6	Farrington	6	7			500		90	12	2					37	
7	Hartford and Fortville.	7	8			500		48	18	2	5				14	
8	Johns-ville and Barnesville	8	9			150		30	12	2	1				6	
9	Lower Buchanan.	9	10			6500		122	24	3					30	
10	Marshall.	10	11			10000		267	47	1	14				128	
11	Mt. Olive and Powellville.	11	12			2150		12	6	1	6				340	
12	Monrovia: 1st Church.	12	13			130		12	10	1	2				6	
13	Kroo Mission.	13	14			50		40	11	1	1				36	
14	New Georgia.	14	15			400		35	16	1	2				27	
15	Painesbury.	15	16			1000		35	10	1	1				96	
16	Painesville.	16	17			4280		120	38	1	8				19	
17	St. Paul River Industrial School.	17	18					1056	268	21	45				60	
18	Upper Buchanan.	18	19					18			30				23	
19	Cape Palmas and Sinoe District.	19	20								41				993	
20	Bluntsville.	20	21			450		18	3	1	3				1	
21	Cape Mount.	21	22			1200		100	18	1	10				15	
22	Greenville.	22	23			1150		130	15	1	8				87	
23	Fishown.	23	24			250		27	5	1	12				114	
24	Lexington.	24	25			500		68	12	1	2				3	
25	Louisiana.	25	26			200		25	2	1					4	
26	Settra Kroo.	26	27			2000		15	2	1	1				10	
27	Sinoe River Industrial Mission.	27	28			5000		33	4	2	1				19	
28	Sinoe.	28	29			300		40	2	1	5				8	
29	Barraki and Sub-Stations.	29	30			1500		276	54	3	14				286	
30	Bebo.	30	31			5000		25	3	2	2				9	
31	Bigtown and Flukev.	31	32			200		25	5	1					20	
32	Mt. Scott, Cavalla and Rocktown.	32	33			20		25	3	1					8	
33	Grand Sess.	33	34			1000		25	3	1					120	
34	Garraway and Sub-Stations.	34	35			4000		200	4	3	2				7	
35	Pequine Sess.	35	36			1000		50	4	1	3				20	
36	Third Town.	36	37			300		39	10							
37	Thubantown and Pellibo.	37	38			1000		17700	6	12300						
38	Wissika Mission.	38	39			1000		1022	13							
39	Cape Palmas Seminary	39	40			100		182	22	46	55	35			870	

St. Paul River District.

St. Paul River District.																
40	Bensonville.....	4	42	.....	1	2	.....	1	17	.....	900	.....	.....	.....	40	
41	Brewerville.....	5	88	2	5	7	.....	1	15	.....	1500	.....	86	.....	17 41	
42	Croftville.....	2	72	2	4	.....	.....	1	12	.....	2500	.....	10	.....	42	
43	Caldwell.....	13	151	3	5	3	10	2	25	.....	85	.....	28	.....	43	
44	Clay-Ashtand.....	3	69	4	2	5	1	.....	1	18	.....	2800	19	.....	100 44	
45	Crawford.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	.....	300	1	125	.....	45	
46	Careysburg and Newland.....	5	100	4	3	2	.....	2	18	70	3800	.....	70	.....	15 46	
47	Harrisburg.....	.....	30	.....	2	.....	.....	1	10	.....	2000	1	1500	.....	47	
48	Millsburg.....	4	48	1	2	.....	.....	1	7	.....	2000	.....	.....	.....	26 48	
49	Perry and Brown Station.....	5	30	1	2	4	.....	2	12	.....	250	.....	48	.....	49	
50	Robertsville.....	.....	35	1	1	4	.....	1	10	.....	600	.....	.....	.....	50	
51	Sasstown.....	2	30	1	2	.....	.....	1	8	.....	670	.....	520	.....	100 51	
52	Virginia.....	4	90	2	.....	.....	.....	1	15	.....	2000	.....	35	.....	52	
.....		17	821	22	24	32	16	16	173	633	16	213 20	2	1625	768	258

RECAPITULATION.

Districts

Districts															
Monrovia and Bassa.....	137	993	23	41	39	45	21	268	1654	18	35430	1	2000	2730	70
Sierra Leone.....	284	879	22	46	55	35	22	182	1022	13	17700	6	12300	1109	298
St. Paul River.....	47	821	22	24	32	16	16	173	653	16	21320	2	1625	768	258
Totals for 1901.....	468	2674	67	111	117	96	59	625	2709	47	74450	9	15925	4607	735
Totals for 1902.....	412	2824	71	83	112	105	56	627	2747	46	72245	5	3175	3763	550
Totals for 1903.....	468	2674	67	111	117	96	59	625	2709	47	74450	9	15925	4607	735
Increase.....	56	150	5	5	5	3	3	2	21	1	2205	4	12750	844	185
Percentage increase.....	12.2	5.6	4.5	4.5	4.2	3.1	5.1	3.2	0.8	0.4	3.0	25.7	80.0	18.3	26.3

STATISTICS No. 3.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.				SUPPORT OF PRES- ING ELDERS			SUPPORT OF BISHOPS			C/F/NCE C/M/T'S			No.
		CLAIMS.		RECEIPTS.		Deficiencies.	Amount Ap- portioned.		Amount Paid.	Amount Ap- portioned.	Total Support: Pastors, Presid- ing Elders, and Bishops.	R'C'D FR'M		CURRENT EXPENSES	
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.		House Rent.	Total.				Collections.	Other Sources.		
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<i>Monrovia & Grand District.</i>															
1 Central Buchanan.	A. P. Camphor.	150	35	15	150	100	20	6	5	20	50	3	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	2	
2 College of West Africa.	E. B. Mitchell.	20	150	50	50	100	4	4	4	23	2	Church: Sex- ton, Light, Fu- el, etc.	3		
3 DeCoursey Mission.	L. C. Anderson.	50	20	15	50	30	8	6	6	20	2		4		
4 Edina.	T. Williams.	50	50	38	38	12	12	6	5	42	23		5		
5 Farmington.	Alfred Morgan.	35	35	15	15	20	8	8	8	23	4		6		
6 Hartford and Fortville.	W. F. Hawkins.	50	50	50	50	50	6	6	6	50	9		7		
7 Johnsville & Barnesville.	N. B. Whitfield.	90	90	90	90	90	10	10	10	100	5		8		
8 Lower Buchanan.	J. J. Powell.	450	480	377	377	407	75	20	15	442	10		9		
9 Marshall.	J. C. Sherrill.	15	15	12	12	3	4	4	1	16	2		10		
10 Mt. Olive & Powellville.	Doune Herman.	25	25	10	10	15	6	6	6	34	3		11		
11 New Georgia.	W. H. Bastian.	50	50	50	50	50	8	8	8	150	90		12		
12 Paynesbury.	T. J. King.	120	220	120	120	130	90	20	5	1018	40		13		
13 St. Paul R. Industrial Mis'n.	R. H. Kennedy.	1145	1305	866	866	70	935	369	112	98	27		14		
14 Upper Buchanan.	W. P. Kennedy.	10	10	8	8	2	2	2	2	10	2		15		
<i>Siinoe & Cape Palmas District</i>															
19 Bluntsville.	S. R. Miller.	100	100	82	82	18	12	12	12	20	20		16	19	
20 Blue Barrow.	Ben Lewis.	70	120	70	70	50	120	10	10	131	2		16	21	
21 Cape Mount.	J. A. Simpson.	10	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	24	24		20	22	
22 Greenville.	Z. B. Roberts.	25	25	5	5	5	3	3	3	8	2		15	23	
23 Fishtown.	C. A. Minor.	25	25	5	5	5	3	3	3	8	2		24	24	
24 Lexington.	P. E. Walker.	25	25	5	5	5	3	3	3	8	2		25	25	
25 Louisiana.	Willis Gatlin.	25	25	5	5	5	3	3	3	8	2		26	26	
26 Settra Kroo.	J. B. Robertson.	25	25	5	5	5	3	3	3	8	2		27	27	
27 Siinoe River Industrial Mis'n.	Pano Slacy.	25	25	5	5	5	3	3	3	8	2		28	28	
28 Niffo.	J. M. Perkins.	25	25	5	5	5	3	3	3	8	2		29	29	
29 Barraka and Sub-stations.	J. M. Perkins.	25	25	5	5	5	3	3	3	8	2		30	30	
30 Beabo.	H. H. Evans.	30	30	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		18	31	
31 Bightown and Pulkey.	J. A. Faust.	400	450	400	400	50	450	25	5	482	5		5	32	
32 Mt. Scott and Cavalla.	G. B. Grando.	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35		75	33	
33 Grand Sess.	J. M. L. Harrow.	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35		34	34	
34 Garraway and Sub-stations.	J. M. L. Harrow.	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35		35	35	
35 Piquine Sess.	J. M. L. Harrow.	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35		36	36	
36 Third Town.	Alex. Tubman.	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50		37	37	
37 Tubmantown and Pellibo.	Jessie Arms.	688	768	618	618	100	718	50	66	68	8		6	38	
38 Wissika.	Jessie Arms.	688	768	618	618	100	718	50	66	68	8		6	39	

St. Paul River District.

39	Bensonville.....	30	15	7	5	20	20	15	39
40	Brewerville.....	40	20	10	7	27	27	6	140
41	Crozierville.....	50	50	6	6	56	56	10	41
42	Caldwell.....	200	150	15	15	165	165	30	42
43	Crawford Mission.....								43
44	Careysburg and Newland.....	50	19	12	4	23	23	12	144
45	Harrisburg.....	20	19	4	4	23	23	2	45
46	Hillsburg.....	35	10	8	3	13	13	2	46
47	Pessell and Brown Station.....	25	25	3	3	28	28	3	47
48	Robertsville.....	40	40	3	3	43	43	3	48
49	Sasstown.....	19	10	4	1	10	10	5	149
50	Virginia.....	40	22	18	10	32	32	3	180
51	Clay-Ashtand.....	175	134	9	9	166	166	12	451
		724	518	91	70	666	666	15	86
		50	19	237				24	8

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N

N o. 3. B Y D i s t r i c t s.

Districts.

Monrovia and Bassa District.....	1145	169	1300	866	70	936	112	98	112	27	16	1018	40	17	221	152
Sinoe and Cape Palmas District.....	668	100	768	618	100	718	50	66	68	8	7	595	6	6	169	95
St. Paul River District.....	724	50	774	518	19	537	237	91	70			578	9	15	86	8
Totals for 1901.....	2537	310	2832	2002	184	2191	399	255	250	35	23	2191	55	15	476	255
Totals for 1902.....	2415	335	2750	2038	245	2173	506	242	206	45	27	2486	34	172	335	213
Increase.....	2537	310	2832	2002			399					2191				
Decrease.....	122		82			18		13	44							
		25		36		107						295		15		

STATISTICS No. 4.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MISSIONS		EDUCATION							No.							
	Church.	Sunday School	Total	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Public Educational Collec.	Children's Fund	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collect'ns	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund.	Total.	No.
<i>St. Paul River District.</i>																	
1 Bensonville.....			1					3				3					1
2 Brewerville.....		1	1									15					2
3 Crozierville.....								2				60	3				3
4 Caldwell.....								5					4				4
5 Clay-Ashland.....		3	3														5
6 Crawford Mission.....																	6
7 Careyburg and Newland.....		1	1														7
8 Harrisburg.....		1	1									2					8
9 Millsburg.....												19					9
10 Pesseh and Brown Mission.....												2					10
11 Robertsville.....																	11
12 Sasstown.....								3									12
13 Virginia.....																	13
<i>Monrovia and Bassa District</i>																	
14 Central Buchanan.....		6	6					15				101	10		9		14
15 College of West Africa.....																	15
16 DeCoursey Mission.....																	16
17 Edina.....		1	1														17
18 Fortville Mission and Bexley.....																	18
19 Farmington.....																	19
20 Hartford and Fortsville.....																	20
21 Johnsonville and Barnesville.....								1									21
22 Lower Buchanan.....																	22
23 Marshall.....																	23
24 Mt. Olive and Powellville.....		1	1					40				972	3	10	15		24
25 Monrovia, 1st Church.....		50	50														25
26 Kroo Mission.....																	26
27 New Georgia.....																	27
28 Panyesbury.....																	28
29 Painesville.....								2					1	1	1		29
30 St. Paul's River Industrial Mission.....																	30
31 White Plains Mission.....																	31
32 Upper Buchanan.....																	32
		52	52									972	4	11	21		

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NAMES OF CHARGES.		Missionary Society.		Church Extension.		Education.				Total Other Benevolent Collections.		General Conference Expenses.		Conference Claimants.		Episcopal Fund.		Recapitulation.		No.	
		Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Total Cash.	Total Vouchers.	Total Cash and Vouchers.			
<i>Monrovia and Bussa District.</i>																					
1	Bexley	1 00														1 00		1 00	1		
2	Edina																		2		
3	Central Buchanan																		3		
4	Fortville Mission																		4		
5	Farmington																		5		
6	Hartford and Fortville																		6		
7	Lower Buchanan	1 00																	7		
8	Marshall, Mt. Olive and Powellville	50 00																	8		
9	Monrovia																		9		
10	Kroo Mission															1 00		1 00	10		
11	Johns-ville and Barnesville.															78 00	40 00	118 00	11		
12	New Georgia															1 00		1 00	12		
13	Paynesbury																		13		
14	Paynesville															3 00	2 00	5 00	14		
15	Upper Buchanan																		15		
16	College of West Africa																		16		
		52 00														84 00	42 00	126 00			



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